

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ackerman, LaBrenz, Meyer, Reindel, Ross & Schmitzer.

ABSENT: Schoenow.

Mayor Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Commissioner Carol Ewing introduced herself and advised that her district has been combined with that of Commissioner Dennis Krafft's and that they will need to face-off in the 2022 election cycle. She cited her experience and just wanted to introduce herself to the Council.

97th District Republican State Representative Candidate Paul Whitney introduced himself and advised that he is also one of three Republicans running for this newly created seat that encompasses parts of Saginaw, Tuscola and Bay Counties.

There being no public comments, the Mayor proceeded with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ross, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Meyer, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on April 5, 2022, the budget work session and special meeting on April 12, 2022 and the work session held on April 22, 2022. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2022-2023 CITY BUDGET AND THE LEVYING OF 9.25 MILLS PROPERTY TAX ON ALL CITY PROPERTIES

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 City Budget and the levying of 9.25 mills of property tax to support the proposed budget.

The proposed 2022-2023 budget expenditures are as follows: General Fund - \$4,865,700, Major Street Fund - \$978,195, Local Street Fund - \$370,333, Parks & Recreation Fund - \$832,477, Downtown Development Fund - \$1,830,552, Building Department Fund - \$199,155, Water

Resource Recovery Fund - \$1,522,200, Water Fund -\$2,310,130, Equipment Fund - \$528,167, Sanitation - \$569,799, and Debt Service Funds - \$1,183,916.

There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40 - APPROVE THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS AND 2022-2023 CITY PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE

City Manager Smith provided Council with a corrected resolution to address a calculation error.

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-40 approving the 2022-2023 City of Frankenmuth Budget and Appropriations, as corrected, and approving the levying of 9.25 mills for the City's 2022-2023 property tax millage. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO LEVY 1.0 MILL OF PROPERTY TAX ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Mayor advised that this proposed millage renewal would continue the 1.0 mill levy on all real and personal property within the Downtown Development District. Revenues from this millage will generate approximately \$109,000 annually and are used to fund DDA operating costs and augment the Tax Increment Financing Plan.

DDA Director Dan Hopp advised that the DDA Board has recommended the renewal of this one mill levy which has been in effect since 2009, with the exception of 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. If approved, this will be the 28th year for this millage levy which has been reduced from the original two mill levy. The renewal would be due and payable as a part of the July 2022 summer property tax bills.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed 1.0 mill levy on all properties within the Downtown Development District.

There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-41 - APPROVE A 1.0 MILL PROPERTY TAX LEVY ON ALL PROPERTIES IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Moved by Ross, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-41 approving a 1.0 mill property tax levy on all properties within the Downtown Development District. Unanimously carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS – None.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for March 2022. Fire Chief Kerns provided the written March monthly report and verbally reviewed April activities.

The April financial report was presented by City Manager Smith. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of April.

Moved by LaBrenz, seconded by Schmitzer, to approve the above referenced monthly reports as submitted. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42 TO 2022-44 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Meyer, seconded by LaBrenz, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-42 approving the 2022 Keepsake Craft Show banners and directional signs from July 28-31, August 18-21, and September 15-18, 2022; to adopt Resolution No. 2022-43 approving the Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 30, 2022; and to adopt Resolution No. 2022-44 approving Zehnder's Springfest fireworks display on Sunday, May 29, 2022. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45 - APPROVE PRELIMINARY DESIGN SERVICES FOR AN ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed contract from TSSF Architects, Inc. who will provide preliminary professional design services for a proposed addition to the Department of Public Works.

Discussion took place on the scope of specific services for this phase and that if this project commences, a total of approximately \$25,000 could be realized for these services.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-45 approving a proposal from TSSF Architects, Inc. for preliminary design services for the Department of Public Works Building for \$8,500. Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS

Moved by Ross, seconded by Meyer, to authorize the payment of invoices for April 2022 in the amount of \$857,333.92. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager – Monthly Report.
2. MI Dept. of Treasury – Audit of Assessment Requirements Follow-up.
3. Frankenmuth Community Foundation – Activity Statements.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

MINUTES

1. DDA Board – April 14, 2022.

2. EDC Board – April, 2022
3. Parks & Recreation Commission – February 23, 2022.
4. Planning Commission – April 26, 2022.
5. Transportation Advisory Committee – April 26, 2022.
6. Sister City Committee – April 12, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk