

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 20, 2022
7:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Kaczynski.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith & City Clerk Kerns at 7:00 AM. City Treasurer Jimenez, DDA Director Hopp, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam & Ass't. Scherzer, Parks & Recreation Director Matt Bierlein, Planner Kraushar, Police Chief Mawer, and Water Superintendent O'Brien at 7:30 AM.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M., opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance, and asked for a moment of silence due to the recent passing of Irene Bronner & Judy Zehnder Keller.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmembers reviewed the qualities of Bronner & Keller.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no objection, the Mayor approved the agenda as presented.

REVIEW OF REPORTS/MINUTES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor sought comments concerning board, commission and committee meetings and highlights included a reminder of the City Manager's performance review form and a process timeline, that students from Gunzenhausen will arrive on October 22nd, a Heart & Soul dinner meeting will be at the Frankenmuth Farmers Market on October 26th, the September DDA meeting was cancelled and only the Executive Committee met, that the Personnel Committee reviewed current and upcoming vacancies and plans for replacements as there will be discussion on this item later in this meeting, and the recent Bavarian Inn Lodge property description clarification.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2023 Council Meeting Dates. A tentative schedule for 2023 Council meeting dates was reviewed. Regular meeting dates were narrowed down; however, some work session dates have yet to be finalized. Also, discussion took place on resuming the annual joint meeting with the school board, attending the annual MML conference held in October each year, and having standing quarterly meeting dates for the Audit & Finance and Personnel Committees in 2023.

Personnel Updates/Job Postings. City Manager Smith provided job descriptions for the Parks & Recreation Specialist (formerly programmer) and City Clerk positions that have been posted. Compton left employment earlier this month and Kerns plans to retire in late March or April 2023. In addition, a posting for a WRRF Operator will also be posted and hired in early 2023.

Department heads entered the meeting.

Review of the DDA’s River Place Pedestrian Bridge Inspection Report. City Manager Smith provided a copy of a recent inspection report of the DDA’s pedestrian bridge that leads to River Place, as part of that 2000 development project.

DDA Director Hopp reviewed the history of the pedestrian bridge construction, the ownership agreement, findings from the recent inspection, and reviewed short and long term repair options and associated budget costs.

Discussion took place on the upcoming M83 Cass River Bridge reconstruction plans and the potential that it may be 5-10 years out.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The status of Consumers Energy contracting to remove numerous locust trees on Sunburst Drive due to a service upgrade. The contractor recently arrived on site with five crews.

Birch Run Road & I-75 Interchange Traffic Study and a public meeting hosted by MDOT on December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM showing alternatives and planning options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk