

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 19, 2022  
7:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Ackerman, Cramer, Kaczynski, Meyer, Reindel, Ross, and Schmitzer.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kerns, City Treasurer Jimenez, DDA Director Hopp, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam & Ass't. Scherzer, Parks & Recreation Director Matt Bierlein, Police Chief Mawer, Water Superintendent O'Brien, and DPW Electrician Robinson.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M., opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Police Chief Mawer introduced new full-time Police Officer Jeremy Teddy to Council. He was welcomed and briefly reviewed his background.

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

**REVIEW OF REPORTS/MINUTES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

The Mayor sought comments concerning board, commission and committee meetings and highlights included happenings at the recent Transportation Advisory Committee on local crash data from the police chief and MDOT planning; the Civic Events Council and changes to their accounting, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bavarian Festival and Parade 2023 theme planning, and Olivia Howard being the President; a potential April 2023 Gunzenhausen youth visit; the new Facilities Committee meeting and planning; and Parks & Recreation Commission special meeting on the parking lot property swap and drainage.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Shuttle Update/Transit. City Manager Smith reviewed ridership information from the 2022 Saginaw Transit Service special shuttles that the Chamber and DDA provided for five weekends starting November 18, 2022 and ending December 18, 2022.

Discussion took place on the increase in ridership and services added for two more holiday weekends; the weather being a factor; that the uptown location of the Christkindl Markt does have an impact; benefit to parking lots, traffic congestion and the businesses; having more Uber drivers that would change the dynamic; taxi regulations in the City Code; potential STARS collaboration with Birch Run business community; the STARS signage being small, but social media advertising; and issues with Google maps.

Personnel Committee Updates. A review took place of a recent meeting whereby the POLC – Frankenmuth Unit requested a potential change in their health insurance as a result of increased premiums (more than 6%) and out of pocket costs that were not understood in their new labor contract that went into effect on January 1, 2022. The City’s Personnel Committee would allow the union to migrate to the City’s HSA Plan with a similar employer contribution to their HSA.

AirAdvantage and Fiber Network Agreement. City Manager Smith reviewed an existing 2009 agreement concerning a network agreement the City has with AirAdvantage.

DPW Electrician Robinson reviewed the City’s usage of fiber and wireless connections and our current agreements with Air Advantage. The S. Main Street conduit agreement expires in May and there is the need for some negotiations from both parties for added services and costs.

Discussion took place on the overall goal being to revise the existing agreements that benefit both parties as the City has many systems using this technology and Air Advantage needs to adjust costs. Charter and AT&T are also possible competition.

Staff will work on the details and report back to Council.

City-Township Commission Agreement. City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed new interlocal agreement that was drafted by Attorney Michael Gildner as a result of concerns raised as to the age of the 1959 agreement and changes to laws since that time. The intent was to update the agreement to current legal standards, but keep the same provisions therein.

Former Civic Events Council Grass Parking Lot. Because the former CEC property on Weiss Street was purchased by the Bavarian Inn Lodge Family several months ago and due to its proximity to Heritage Park and its importance thereto, further City staff discussion has been taking place concerning the City swapping nearly 3 acres of property south of this parcel so that parking is contiguous to the Park, as was the plan at the time of the sale of the lot.

Staff reviewed the Bavarian Inn Lodge’s plans for their new family fun center addition and the timing for them to remove project spoils and parking lot millings. A collaboration between the Lodge and City would benefit both parties, but timing is critical as well as some significant drainage issues that must be addressed and the need to budget funds.

City Manager Smith advised that an agreement for a drainage study was the topic at a special meeting following this meeting’s adjournment.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 A.M.

Phillip W. Kerns  
City Clerk