

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 17, 2022
7:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Schmitzer (via Zoom from an out of state conference).

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith & City Clerk Kerns at 7:00 AM.

City Treasurer Jimenez, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam & Ass't. Scherzer, Parks & Recreation Director Matt Bierlein, and Water Superintendent O'Brien at 7:50 AM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no 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 the acceptance of Planning Commission applications for the open spot from Schoenow's recent resignation, a recent Bike Committee meeting, the impending lackluster State Legislature's lame duck session, the success of the recent Sister City youth exchange hosted by Frankenmuth, the Chamber's Community night this evening which unveils their 2022 Christmas Experience project, a planned Women's Club Community Project under review, a recent land purchase made by a larger Saginaw area builder for all vacant Kingsbrook lots owned by Wellman Excavating, the recent purchase of a trolley for a local private operation for next year, and recent proposals for unfunded mandates on local governments.

The Mayor reviewed a draft hand-out concerning upcoming board, commission and committee assignments for councilmembers and requested input on potential changes prior to formal action at the January Council meeting.

City Manager Smith advised of a recent substantial, anonymous endowment gift received by the Frankenmuth Community Foundation that will bring that endowment to a \$1 Million balance and interest revenue can now be used to supplement annual costs for that program. She also

reviewed recent issues raised about the temporary Chamber driveway closure and another anonymous general complaint.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022-2023 Budget Update. City Manager Smith reviewed a General Fund expenditure duplication that will result in a budget surplus so other projects may be able to benefit from that oversight. She also reviewed that the treasurer is working on the draft 2023-24 Budget.

Former Civic Events Council Grass Parking Lot on Weiss Street. City Manager Smith reviewed progress on the City swapping land with the Bavarian Inn Lodge, as previously known, so as to get closer parking to Heritage Park.

Discussion took place on the pros and cons along with deferred special assessments on the property swap and the benefits thereof.

City staff heads entered the meeting.

Smith advised that staff will move forward with discussion and report its progress to Council being there was no objection thus far.

Future Expansion Plans at the DPW. City Manager Smith advised that budget overages may make it possible to add needed space onto the DPW building.

Discussion took place on the potential for a \$500,000-\$600,000 design-build project and to spread costs over two budget years.

Status of the DDA's Wayfinding Sign Planning Updates. City Manager Smith reviewed a memo for an update project to existing outdated wayfinding signs within the DDA that would look at the north, middle and south sections of Main Street.

Review of Upcoming Legacy Ball Funding Options. Discussion took place on submitting a potential project for proceeds from the Legacy Ball that would fund improvements for a Community project. Potential options were Heritage Park pathways, Rose Garden improvements in Memorial Park, and a Cass River overlook on E. Tuscola Street.

Staff will review and seek additional comment from Council in time for the November 30th deadline to the Committee.

Parks & Recreation Department's Proposed Pickleball League. Information was attached to the packet on this proposed new league.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 A.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk