

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and 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

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Schmitzer, to approve the agenda as presented and to move the police union resolution action item to the end of the agenda and the intent is to go into closed session to discuss the details of the agreement before acting upon that resolution. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ross, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on December 7, 2021 and the work session meeting on December 16, 2021 with the following corrections to the regular meeting minutes: Add that "Ross abstained" after the motion for the approval of the Mill Street vacation. Add the word "increase" after the 5% statement concerning the commercial containerized refuse collection discussion. Correct councilmember name type-o's on pages 4 and 5. Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for November 2021. Fire Chief Kerns reviewed the December monthly report. The preliminary December financial report was presented. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of December.

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

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Parks & Recreation Commission

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Ross, to appoint Jim Bickel, Tom Bierlein, Stella Grablick, and Maggie Platko to the Parks & Recreation Commission, terms expiring on December 31, 2024. Unanimously carried.

Planning Commission

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Ross, to appoint Tim Meyer, John Polomsky, and Bob Zeilinger to the Planning Commission, terms expiring December 31, 2024. Unanimously carried.

Sister City Committee

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by LaBrenz, to appoint Yvonne Frysh, Joanmarie Weiss, and Lydia Racquepaw to the Sister City Committee, terms expiring on December 31, 2024, pending receipt of their reappointment questionnaire. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that three vacancies exist that expired in 2021 and three additional that expire in the next two years.

RESOLUTION NOS. 2022-01 TO 2022-03 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 approving the Frankenmuth Jaycees Winterlaufe event on Saturday, February 5, 2022, contingent upon the event being coordinated with applicable City departments; to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02 approving dates for the 2022 Board of Review meeting dates; and to adopt Resolution No. 2022-03 approving the 2022 Zehnder's SnowFest Activities from Wednesday, January 26, 2022 through Sunday, January 30, 2022. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04 - APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAGINAW FUTURE, INC.

Saginaw Future President JoAnn Crary and Vice President Tom Miller both addressed the Council on their activities of the prior year.

Moved by LaBrenz, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-04 approving \$6,125 for the 2022 economic development agreement with Saginaw Future, Inc. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05 - APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION OF 11786 E. TUSCOLA ROAD IN SECTION 26

The Mayor reviewed that property owners Kyle & Katherine Bierlein agreed to annex to the City once they became annexable and because they requested water and sewer service for their home at 11786 E. Tuscola Road.

Discussion took place on the tax affect that the annexation has on the Township and City and the special assessment the Township levies for the police services.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 approving the annexation of 11786 E. Tuscola Road in Section 26 of Frankenmuth Township, effective January 1, 2022. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06 - APPROVE A THREE-YEAR POLICE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH FRANKENMUTH TOWNSHIP

City Manager Smith presented a three-year police protection agreement with Frankenmuth Township. She reviewed some changes to the proposed contract that have been approved by the Township Board through December 31, 2024.

Discussed the current City and Township share that funds the City-Township Commission based on state equalized values of the units, the number of complaints that the police department responds to in the Township and those complaints being driven by either officer-initiated responses or complaints called into 911.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06 approving a three-year Police Protection Agreement with Frankenmuth Township. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07 – RECONFIRM THE VACATING OF A PORTION OF MILL STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE SALE OF 701 MILL STREET

The Mayor advised that this reconfirmation resolution is being offered to clean-up the property description of 701 Mill Street and make ready for the purchase of the Mill property to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

Ross requested to abstain due to his father's employment relationship with Zehnder's. There was no objection.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-07 reconfirming that vacating of a portion of the Mill Street right-of-way as a result of the impending purchase of the land by Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. Unanimously carried. Ross abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08 – RECONFIRMING THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY AT 701 MILL STREET

The Mayor advised that this reconfirmation resolution for the sale of property at 701 Mill Street to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth for \$225,000 was required to be acted upon by Council for the second time.

Ross also requested to abstain due to his father's employment relationship with Zehnder's. There was no objection.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-08 reconfirming the authorization of the sale of the property at 701 Mill Street, formerly known as the Nickless-

Hubinger Mill, to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth and to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a development agreement listing the conditions of the sale. Unanimously carried. Ross abstained.

AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS

Moved by Ross, seconded by Schoenow, to authorize the payment of invoices for December 2021 in the amount of 2,092,450.81. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager – Monthly Report.
2. MI Department of Treasury – Board of Review Training.
3. City of Frankenmuth – Annual Disclosure Statement.
4. MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy – Lead & Copper Monitoring.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

MINUTES

1. Construction Code Group – December 22, 2021
2. City-Township Commission – December 21, 2021.
3. Planning Commission – December 21, 2021.
4. Joint Planning Commissions – December 21, 2021.

REVIEW OF A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL FRANKENMUTH POLICE PATROL UNIT

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Schmitzer, to enter into closed session at 7:36 P.M. to review the proposed POLC Union Contract. Unanimously carried.

The Mayor requested that only the City Manager, City Clerk and Police Chief stay for this portion of the meeting.

Being that the closed session of the meeting was completed, the Mayor reconvened the public meeting at 8:07 P.M.

It was noted that only the City Manager, City Clerk, Police Chief and Council were in attendance for the remaining open session portion of the meeting and that no one else was present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09 - APPROVE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL FRANKENMUTH POLICE PATROL UNIT

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed three-year labor agreement that was ratified by the patrol officers of the Frankenmuth Police Department. Some of the highlights are as follows:

Allowing union stewards to attend the annual conference at their own expense, compensatory time bank changes, miscellaneous insurance and pension updates, change the paid time off schedule, adding an extra holiday, and an annual 3% wage increase.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-09 approving a three-year labor agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council - Frankenmuth Police Patrol Unit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk