

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2022
7:00 A.M.**

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

ABSENT: Reindel.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kerns, City Treasurer Jimenez, DDA Director Hopp, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam, Parks & Recreation Director Matt Bierlein, Planner Kraushar, Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Superintendent Schluckebier, and Water Superintendent O'Brien.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.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

The Mayor reviewed that one additional item concerning Sunburst Drive trees and recent notice of a Consumers Energy tree trimming plan.

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

REVIEW OF REPORTS/MINUTES OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor sought comments concerning board, commission and committee meetings and highlights included the Library Director vacancy and positive comments received from representatives of Ansbach, Germany who recently toured the City.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Draft Commercial Containers Request for Proposal. City Manager Smith provided a draft copy of an RFP for this commercial dumpster service which will commence on January 1, 2023 and is a multi-year contract. The City attorney is reviewing the final draft before it is released. She advised that the draft will be seeking costs for single stream commercial recycling and seasonally emptying City owned trash containers located in the downtown.

Discussion took place on scheduling pick-ups for Main Street trash cans and supplementing such pick-up with DPW staff for weekends, etc., proper clean up around overfilled containers, and pick-up of cans off Main Street.

Community/Senior Center Planning. City Manager Smith reviewed Wellspring's desire to study a community center/municipal space planning proposal for future uses of their facility at 725 W. Genesee Street. She advised that because skilled nursing care needs have changed and they are looking at ways to adapt to the changing environment/market.

Discussion took place on transportation needs, their facility upgrades in Saginaw Township, the shared use vision concept, the current facility being very institutional and solid, and a good location.

Smith will keep the Council updated on any progress.

Emergency Planning Update. City Manager Smith provided a 2016 copy of the City's adopted Emergency Operations Plan supporting the Saginaw County Emergency Operations Plan. She recently held a flood-fighting training session for City staff and a public session is planned for next Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM in the Training Room at the Public Safety Building. All are invited to learn from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives and City officials on the Community's response to Cass River flooding.

Waste Water Overflow Monitoring. Staff reviewed that there are two locations in the City limits that have overflow monitoring equipment that needs to be upgraded – Ardussi Street, near Trinklein Street, and the 700 blk. S. Main Street. As a result of sanitary sewer system upgrades and stormwater management, many of the overflows were eliminated in the late 1990's and the new monitoring devices will be much more accurate in alerting City staff of any sanitary sewer overflows into the storm sewer system so that proper notifications can be made.

Discussion took place that the McNamee, Porter & Seeley study from the mid 1990's didn't identify any growth in the community and therefore some additional study will be needed regarding community growth since then and planning for potential WRRF improvements, if identified as needed.

Sunburst Street Tree New Information. Staff advised that Consumers Energy has advised the City that a line crew is requesting their forester clear lines on Sunburst Drive, north from Eastgate Drive, to the north and east drives around the subdivision back to Eastgate Drive. Consumers Energy's trimming approach will be radical and staff is recommending that the affected trees in the wires be removed as a result of a recent felled tree from a storm that displayed dead roots in an otherwise healthy tree after commissioning a study.

Discussion took place on City staff notifying subdivision residents of this impending action and hosting an open house to inform them of this intention as Consumers expects to take this action yet this fall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 A.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk