

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 6, 2016
1:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Bernthal-Reindel, Cramer, Grossi, Loeffler, Rupprecht, Schmitzer & Schoenow.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Graham, City Attorney Goodstein, City Clerk Kerns, DDA Director Stamiris, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam, Parks & Recreation Director Kaschinske, Police Chief Mawer, Treasurer Deterding, Wastewater Superintendent McKendree, Water Superintendent O'Brien, Bridget Smith, Jamie Furbush, Chris Rittmueller, Joann McCrary, and Leone Koester.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 Schmitzer, seconded by Bernthal Reindel, to approve the agenda as reviewed by the Mayor. Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pedal Trolley Operation. The new pedal trolley company, Sunrise Pedal Trolley, recently ceased operations in Frankenmuth as a result of some on-going conflicts with Fantasy Carriage Company. Discussion took place on Police Chief Mawer's background summary of pedal trolley route revisions as a result of Fantasy's conflicts and concerns, and he also reviewed his investigation on specific reports of vulgar and profane language used by Fantasy employees toward the trolley riders and staff. Staff time has increased as a result of the horse carriage company's handling of these issues along with other matters over the past few years.

Further discussion took place on what constitutes a nuisance, staff compiling and summarizing their files, possible notification that the horse carriage company's licensing is under review if the files warrant such action, and amending the horse drawn vehicles ordinance if necessary. Action on future horse drawn vehicle license renewals will be scheduled for the November Council meeting.

Economic Development Corporation Board Long Term Planning. DDA Director Stamiris and EDC Chair Rittmueller presented the EDC Board's recommendation to the Council concerning

the City's remaining ten acres in the Business Park property. After review of several options and consideration of alternatives, the EDC is recommending that Council pursue the use of an investor/partner to build a spec building on a portion of the remaining land. Although several obstacles such as funding remain, constructing a portion of N. Haas Street in this park would open up the remaining parcels for shovel ready development. The EDC Board wanted to communicate this with Councilmembers and seek their input and direction.

Discussion took place on the remaining parcels filling current needs and that N. Haas Street development would be a benefit to the Community.

Moved by Bernthal Reindel, seconded by Schmitzer, to seek an investor/partner to develop the City owned land and construct a spec building in the business park. Unanimously carried.

Cass River Levee Flood Control Project. Discussion took place on a July recommendation from the DDA Board to construct a totally new levee wall between the Main Street Bridge and the Lager Mill because it will greatly reduce the potential for wall failure in the future versus the capping of this wall as part of this project. The estimated \$190,000 additional cost will be offset by a savings of \$250,000 due to stop log modifications across Main Street on the north side of the bridge.

Moved by Loeffler, seconded by Schmitzer, to concur with the DDA recommendation to include in the project plans to construct a new levee wall between the Main Street Bridge and the Lager Mill. Unanimously carried.

Kern Pavilion Festival Leases. Discussion took place on current policy whereby lessees of the Kern Pavilion pay 50% of their lease in advance of the date of their event. A longtime lessee continues to not pay this amount until after their event occurs, and this conflicts with the Parks & Recreation Policy. The Parks & Recreation Commission would like Council direction being it is outside of their current regulations.

Discussion took place that this is a grandfathered agreement for this particular lessee and that Council has no issue with the arrangement continuing.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Schoenow, to honor the longstanding agreement with the Kern/Heritage Park lessee that they are exempt from the requirement to pay a deposit in advance. Unanimously carried.

City Manager Recruitment. The Council thanked all candidates and other persons involved in the interview process and advised that a conditional employment offer has been accepted by Bridget Smith to be the City's 4th City Manager, pending final approval of an employment contract document. Smith was in attendance at the meeting and is expected to start employment on October 3, 2016.

Miscellaneous. Reviewed potential Bavarian Festival conceptual plans to involve the downtown more, authorize the sale of the 2004 Chrysler City vehicle, and a plan to inform property owners of a proposed installation of streetlights on List Street, east of Weiss, and Heinlein Strasse.

Council Liaison Reports. Board, commission, committee meeting minutes were available for review.

August Bills ó Preliminary Review. The bills were available for review.

Review of Upcoming Council Meeting Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule. The preliminary Council agenda for the *October* meeting was available for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk