

Fraser City Council - Regular Meeting
Thursday – December 12, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building

A Regular Meeting of the Fraser City Council was conducted on the above date at the City Municipal Building, located at 33000 Garfield Road, Fraser, County of Macomb, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Hagerty and Council Members Accavitti, Carnagie, Cilluffo,
Hemelberg and Jennings
Absent: Council Member Morelli
Also Present: Richard E. Haberman, City Manager
Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk
Jack Dolan, City Attorney

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Mayor Hagerty called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Citizen Participation on Agenda Items** - none

At this time Attorney Dolan suggested a motion be made to excuse council member Morelli.

Member Carnagie moved, seconded by Member Hemelberg, to APPROVE THE EXCUSED ABSENCE OF MEMBER MORELLI.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Presentations**

a) Mayor Hagerty read and presented a proclamation to Alli Shereda recognizing her accomplishments on, and winning a state championship for, the Fraser High School Girls Swim and Dive Team.

b) Dale Moase, Fraser Lions Club, requested Council approve a five year extension with no modification of contract for the Carnival. The 2014 carnival will be held July 17 through July 20, 2014; future dates are not yet available.

Member Jennings stated she has no problem approving a five year agreement but was under the impression Council was only considering approval of the date at this meeting. She would prefer to continue having the Lions negotiate each year with Recreation relative to this event. Mr. Moase stated the rides floor plan should not be changed once presented. Member Cilluffo also expressed some concern relative to a contract not being available. Attorney Dolan explained the Lions are simply asking for permission to hold this event in the park for the next five years and the contract is between the Lions Club and the Carnival company. Attorney Dolan also recommended they do not restrict themselves, due to changes in regulations, with a no modification clause. Manager Haberman noted that representatives from several groups meet annually to work out the details of the carnival and picnic.

Member Carnagie stated he would like to sit in on the picnic planning meetings as a Council liaison and Manager Haberman stated he welcomes his presence at the meetings.

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Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Hemelberg, to APPROVE THE DATES AS REQUIRED FOR THE FRASER LIONS CLUB TO HOLD THE CITY CARNIVAL IN STEFFENS PARK FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Hearings - none

7. Consent Agenda

Member Jennings moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 11/14/13.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 11/18/13.
- c. Approval of Bills for the Month of November 2013 in the amount of \$838,309.37.
- d. Receive and file Minutes of the 10/16/13 Planning Commission Meeting.
- e. Receive and file Minutes of the 11/12/13 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- f. Receive and file Minutes of the 11/4/13 Historical Commission meeting.
- g. Receive and file Minutes of the 9/9/13 Library Board meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Members Cilluffo and Jennings questioned the Senior Housing Christmas party funding and Member Jennings requested the possibility of eliminating this event be brought forth at the next budget meeting.

8. Requests For Council Action

a. Request Council discuss and approve a policy regarding the purchase and disposal of tax acquired property.

Attorney Dolan explained the proposed procedure for tax reverted property and Manager Haberman advised he is in agreement with the procedure as written. Member Cilluffo stated some communities have provisions included with the sale that have to be met such as that the property must be brought up to the standards of the neighborhood within a certain time frame. He would like to see this included with our policy. Attorney Dolan recommended this be a part of the Committee Evaluation section of the procedure so that when the committee evaluates the property, they can include a specific list of action items. Member Carnagie suggested a council member be a member of this committee instead of the mayor since he signs the paperwork.

The following residents spoke on this topic:
William Pretto, 17808 North Wind
Juanita Parker, 16442 Clarkson

Member Jennings moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to APPROVE THE POLICY REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY WITH THE INCLUSION, UNDER #3 COMMITTEE EVALUATION, THAT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDE A LIST OF ACTION ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IF NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROPERTY IS BROUGHT UP TO THE STANDARDS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Request Council approve the 2014 City Council meeting schedule as presented and discuss the addition of meetings during 2014.

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Mayor Hagerty explained that he and the City Manager have had discussions relative to adding an additional meeting each month, possibly the last Wednesday of the month, if necessary to discuss a particularly large topic. Although some months will not require two meetings, he would like to invite residents to a water/sewer discussion in January and future discussions for pension funding, retiree health care and other strategies.

Discussion ensued relative to adding a second meeting each month. Member Carnagie suggested it be determined at each regular meeting if a second meeting should be scheduled along with the topic to be discussed.

Gil Harris, 15863 Kingston, voiced his opinion on this item.

Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to APPROVE THE 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED WITH A SECOND MEETING TO BE HELD IN JANUARY 2014 AND ANY ADDITIONAL MEETINGS TO BE DETERMINED.

The motion carried unanimously.

- c. **Request Council approve the following budget adjustments:**
1) General Fund in the amount of \$32,535 for the purchase of tax reverted property.
2) Gambling Fund in the amount of \$64,430 for the purchase of vehicles approved by the Council at the November 2013 Regular Council meeting.

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Jennings, to APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,535 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TAX REVERTED PROPERTY AND GAMBLING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,430 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL AT THE NOVEMBER 2013 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

The motion carried unanimously

9. **Report of City Administration/Pending Items**

Manager Haberman stated he is compiling information and would like Council to consider a second meeting in March to discuss Capital Improvement discussion. He also reminded Council and residents that City Hall will be closed December 24 through January 1 for the holidays.

10. **Report of Mayor and City Council/New Business**

Mayor and Council discussed various topics and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11. **Citizen Participation**

Sandy Caloia, 31226 Cyril, suggested a non Lion member of Council during picnic negotiations.

Juanita Parker, 16442 Clarkson, discussed smart meters. Mayor requested this be added to the January agenda for consideration of a proclamation.

Vania Apps, Fraser First Booster Club

Member Hemelberg inquired whether there is a conflict of interest on his vote for approving Lions Carnival dates since he is also a member of the Lions Club.

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Attorney Dolan noted he is a member of a service organization and therefore there is no conflict of interest.

12. Adjournment

Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Jennings, to ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013 AT 9:23 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk

Doug Hagerty, Mayor

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