

Fraser City Council - Regular Meeting
Thursday – January 9, 2014 - 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. Mayor explained Councilman Morelli is absent due to family illness and weather.

Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Accavitti, to APPROVE THE EXCUSED ABSENCE OF MEMBER MORELLI.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Agenda**

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

The motion carried unanimously.

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

5. **Presentations**

a) Aaron Stevens from Abraham Gaffney provided a presentation on the 2012-2013 audit.

b) Finance Director, Tim McCulloch, provided a look-back review of 2013. Mayor Hagerty requested quarterly reports be prepared and provided to Council. Mayor also requested that the Assessor provide an updated tax tribunal list.

Manager Haberman provided a Financial Overview for the City of Fraser.

6. **Public Hearings** - none

7. **Consent Agenda**

Member Cilluffo inquired whether the motion made at the December 12, 2013 meeting relative to approving the dates for the carnival was proper since it was done after a Presentation and not a Council Action item. Attorney Dolan suggested the agenda be amended to include this item so it can be voted on.

Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Carnagie, to AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE UNDER CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL OF 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.

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Member Accavitti moved, seconded by Member Cilluffo, to APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS AMENDED.

The motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 12/12/13.
- b. Approval of Bills for the Month of December 2013 in the amount of \$1,608,223.82
- c. Reappointment of Betty Slominski and Laura Robinson to the Board of Review with terms to expire December 31, 2015.
- d. Approval of motion made at December 12, 2013 meeting to approve the dates as required for the Fraser Lions Club to hold the city carnival in Steffens Park for the next five years.

8. Requests For Council Action

- a. **Request Council discuss and set special meeting/workshop on water rates.**

Member Jennings voiced concerns she received from residents relative to holding a special meeting to further discuss water rates.

Member Hemelberg moved, seconded by Member Accavitti, to SET A SPECIAL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 TO DISCUSS WATER RATES.

The motion carried 5-1 with
one no vote by Member Jennings.

- b. **Request Council reviews the Council Rules and Procedures relative to preparation of the Council agenda.**

Member Accavitti voiced his concern that a minority can change the agenda and would like to go back to the former way. Each councilmember can request an item be on the agenda in a reasonable time to allow the Mayor to complete the agenda. Only a majority can remove an item. Mayor noted MML stated if there is a dispute on an item between Mayor and Manager, Mayor makes the final decision.

Mayor Hagerty moved, seconded by Member Accavitti, TO AMEND 4.01 AND 4.02 OF THE COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS:

THE MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNATE. IF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR REGARDING THE AGENDA AND/OR THE FORMAT COMES INTO PLAY, THE FINAL DECISION GOES WITH THE PRESIDING OFFICER, THE ELECTED OFFICIAL (MAYOR). ANY AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA MUST BE DONE AT THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING AND IT MUST BE DONE BY FOUR OR MORE MEMBERS (MAJORITY OF COUNCIL).

THE AGENDA AND BACKUP MATERIAL IS TO BE DELIVERED TO COUNCIL BY THE THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE MEETING. OUR AGENDA MUST BE POSTED BY THE FRIDAY EVENING, THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, AND ALL BACKUP MATERIAL MUST BE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AS WELL AS THE AGENDA AT THAT TIME.

LASTLY, ANY COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WISHES TO HAVE AN ITEM ADDED AS AN AGENDA ITEM, SHOULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION TO EITHER THE CITY MANAGER OR THE MAYOR TWENTY FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE COUNCIL PACKETS ARE TO GO OUT.

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9. Report of City Administration/Pending Items

Manager Haberman noted the Macomb Daily reported on a fire in Roseville yesterday with Fraser assisting. He also stated he is awaiting the new Blue Cross Blue Shield rates as the retiree portion is unknown. He further mentioned past items, such as an IRS audit in 2010, and there has been an ongoing clean up process. He stated the IT service proposals will be reviewed next week.

10. Report of Mayor and City Council/New Business

Mayor and Council discussed various topics.

11. Citizen Participation

Janet Calabrese, 17926 Breezeway

12. Adjournment

Member Carnagie moved, seconded by Member Cilluffo, to ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014 AT 9:35 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kacanowski, City Clerk

Doug Hagerty, Mayor

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