

Minutes
Fraser City Council
Thursday, April 13th, 2017 @ 7pm

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 Nichols and Council Members Blanke, Carnagie, Foster, Hemelberg, Lesich and Schornak

Absent:

Also Present: D. Wayne O'Neal, Interim City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Jack Dolan, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Nichols called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Mayor Nichols presented a commemorative pin to Member Kathy Blanke in honor of her husband former Mayor Joseph Blanke's military service.

Mayor Nichols asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Officer Mamrot.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Member CARNAGIE moved, seconded by Member HEMELBERG, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried 7-0

4. Citizen Participation:

Member Schornak spoke of the passing of Fraser resident Linda Champion.

Member Blanke spoke of the passing of Fraser resident Joann Barr's granddaughter.

5. Presentations:

a. Thomas Wither Adopt-a-Watt (AAW) Representative will provide a power point presentation on sustainable and democratized funding for community's energy and infrastructure upgrades.

Mr. Wither provided a Fraser Infrastructure and Economic Stimulus Program which he indicated was no cost to the city. The present was a 'Pilot' Fraser City Hall Outdoor LED Lighting Upgrade. A point-point presentation pointed out a this was a sponsorship program, democratized whereas residents financially are regarded instead of being taxed guaranteed ROI, a reduction in operating costs.

DPW Supervisor Nick Schaefer spoke of moving city hall parking lot lights to LED lights.

Member Blanke asked what 'democratized' meant? – People invest in the program.

Member Carnagie asked what was the combine number of lights installed in Dearborn and Royal Oak, - about 400.

Also what would the number of sponsors be to support the city hall parking lot, - about 27.

Member Schornak asked if the city could work in tandem with DTE Mercury Vapor program? – no.

This would be a three-year pilot program.

6. Public Hearing: None

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 9, 2017.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 28, 2017.
- c. Approval of Bills for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$1,902,762.17.
- d. Receive and file the minutes of the 2-7-2017 Park & Recreation Commission Meeting.
- e. Receive and file the minutes of the 3-4-2017 Park & Recreation Commission Meeting.
- f. Receive and file the minutes of the 2-1-2017 Planning Commission Meeting.
- g. Receive and file the minutes of the 3-1-2017 Planning Commission Meeting.
- h. Receive and file the minutes of the 1-5-2017 Zoning Board of Appeals.

Member BLANKE moved, seconded by Member HEMELBERG, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

The motion carried 7-0

8. Requests for Council Action – Tabled Items:

h. Request Council approve amending Interim City Manager Contract for Car Allowance in the amount of \$450 per month starting March 1, 2017 in lieu of providing an Automobile.

Interim City Manager Wayne O'Neal stated his employment contract included a city provided vehicle, a vehicle was not available.

Finance Director Mary Jaganjac spoke on topic.

Conversation ensued regarding Mr. O'Neal's Contract agreement.

Member Hemelberg stated Council made an agreement with the Interim City Manager.

Member Foster stated there are vehicles not in use within the city for the Interim City Manager's use.

Member Carnagie stated last year we did not budget for an Interim City Manager and agrees to provide a car allowance for Mr. O'Neal.

Mayor Nichols spoke of how to correctly vote.

Attorney Dolan stated to accept the proposal for a car allowance.

Mayor Nichols made the motion to approve the \$900 as requested.

Member Foster asked Attorney if it is customary to accommodate a contract change. – In this case Mr. O'Neal is forgoing a vehicle.

Mayor Nichols withdrew his motion and made a new motion to authorize the \$900 car allowance payment for the months of January and February 2017 and authorize a \$100 a month gas allowance for the remainder of his term.

Mayor NICHOLS moved, seconded by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE A \$900 PAYMENT CAR ALLOWANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017 AND TO AUTHORIZE A \$100 A MONTH GAS ALLOWANCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM.

The motion carried 6-1
Member Foster no

b. Request Council approve the replacement of Mercury Vapor and High Pressure Sodium lights with LED Lighting as proposed by DTE.

DPW Director BJ VanFleteren stated DTE will need a purchase agreement to begin the project and payments will not begin July 2017. There will be 825 lights throughout the city, not the decorative lights in the newer neighborhoods. Believes it is a great deal and DTE is really working with the Fraser.

Interim O'Neal spoke of the Michigan Saves Program, a \$248,000 loan at 1.99% payment due in 36 months.

Member Carnagie congratulated Member Schornak for bringing the Michigan Saves Program to the City of Fraser.

Member Foster questioned if this project is a budgeted item, - yes.

Member Schornak stated the cost savings should be about \$5,800 - \$6,000 a month after the 36 months.

Member LESICH moved, seconded by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF MERCURY VAPOR AND HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LIGHTS WITH LED LIGHTING AS PROPOSED BY DTE.

The motion carried 7-0

c. City Council approve modifications to Council Rules 4.0.

Attorney Dolan stated Council will approve the previously approved revisions as presented. The City of Fraser City Council rules and Procedures have been updated and reflects what have been previously done.

Conversation ensued.

Member LESICH moved, seconded by Member FOSTER, TO AMEND COUNCIL RULE 4.01 TO STATE THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE, SHALL PREPARE AN AGENDA OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT EACH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING. ANY COUNCIL MEMBER, IN WRITING, EMAIL COMMUNICATION OR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE CITY MANAGER, MAY ADD ANY REASONALBE AGENDA ITEM.

The motion carried 7-0

9. Requests for Council Action

a. Request Council Authorize the purchase of three new Exmark Lawn Equipment Machines for \$33,837 from Weingartz, Utica, MI. (State of Michigan Bid).

DPW Director BJ VanFleteren and Supervisor Nick Schaefer stated the City now has a state bid for purchase of three Exmark vehicles at a cost of \$33,837. If we were to lease the vehicles the cost would be \$14,096 per year.

At this point we are paying more for the lease.

Conversation ensued.

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Citizen Participation - none

Member FOSTER moved, seconded by Member CARNAGIE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE NEW EXMARK LAWN EQUIPMENT MACHINES FOR \$33,837 FROM WEINGARTZ, UTICA, MI.

The motion carried 7-0

Member HEMELBERG moved, seconded by Member CARNAGIE, TO CHANGE 9. REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION 9.F TO 9.B.

The motion carried 7-0

b. Request Council approve the Appointment of Mark Burley, runner up Jeremy Mexico to the Zoning Board of Appeals term to end 12-31-2019.

Mr. Burley expressed his interest in the City of Fraser and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Member CARNAGIE moved, seconded by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPOINT MARK BURLEY TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TERM TO END 12-31-2019.

The motion carried 7-0

c. Request Council approval of the Annual City Picnic Fireworks contract with Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. of New Castle PA. for a cost of \$9,500.

Director Christina Woods stated she and Fraser Lions Club member Keith Schoenherr together made the recommendation of Zambelli Fireworks. This will be three-year agreement and can cancel at any time. Zambelli also offers a \$5,000 discount to sign a three-year agreement.

Citizen Participation – none

Member LESICH moved, seconded by Member HEMELBERG, TO APPROVE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CITY PICNIC FOR THE 2017-19 FIREWORKS CONTRACT WITH ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS MANUFACTURING CO. OF NEW CASTLE PA. FOR A COST OF \$9,500 RETAINING THE CITY OF FRASER RIGHT TO CANCEL.

The motion carried 7-0

d. Request Council approve by Resolution the Parks and Recreation 5-year plan for required submission to Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Director Christina Woods provided an outline of what the Park and Recreation 5-year document is and why it is important to the City of Fraser. Also stated if Council approves the resolution, we can file with the State of Michigan and will be eligible for State Grants.

Citizen Participation – none

Member FOSTER moved, seconded by Member HEMELBERG, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN FOR REQUIRED SUBMISSION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

The motion carried 7-0

e. Request Council approve the Re-appointment of Tom Loy to the Planning Commission term to end 12-31-2019.

Member Loy was not present.

Citizen Participation – none

Member LESICH moved, seconded by Member FOSTER, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TOM LOY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TERM TO END 12-31-2019.

The motion carried 7-0

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f. Request Council reconsider the approval of Letter of Engagement for Abraham & Gaffney Audit Services for the 2017-2019 calendar year.

Member Schornak believed action was made to go out for bid as requested for audit services.
Director Jaganjac stated no action was made.

Member SCHORNAK moved, seconded Member FOSTER, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR ABRAHAM & GAFFNEY AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE 2017-2018 CALENDAR YEAR.

The motion carried 7-0

g. Request Council approve the Proclamation proclaiming April 28th, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Fraser.

Director Christina Woods spoke of Park Clean-up events.

Citizen Participation:
Vania Apps spoke on topic

Member BLANKE moved, seconded by Member FOSTER, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28TH, 2017 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF FRASER.

The motion carried 7-0

Meeting Recess 9:32pm
Meeting resume 9:45pm

h. Request Council approve DTE request for permanent reroute to underground electrical wires to increase service reliability to the area along with providing temporary service to the sinkhole.

Interim City Manager spoke of the request.
Attorney Dolan stated this is in the authority of Council to make the determination it is done property.

Citizen Participation – none

Member FOSTER moved, seconded by Member CARNAIGE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE DTE REQUEST FOR PERMANENT REROUTE TO UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL WIRES TO INCREASE SERVICE RELIABILITY TO THE AREA ALONG WITH PROVIDING TEMPORARY SERVICE TO THE SINKHOLE.

The motion carried 7-0

i. Request Council receive for study the FY 2017-2018 Budget.

Interim City Manager Wayne O'Neal stated the 2017-2018 budget is based on the 2016-2017 Council approved budget with approved budget amendments, increased costs for capital items, other post-employment benefits (OPEB), and Annual Required Contributions (ARC) payments. Mr. O'Neal provided various scenarios for a budget approval. He also spoke of what one mill equals to an average taxable value. Spoke of the Library. 1.6 million dollars short in the budget right now.

Council Budget meeting dates are:	Tuesday, April 25 th , 2017 @ 6pm	(special meeting)
	Tuesday, May 9 th , 2017 @ 6pm	(special meeting)
	Thursday, May 11 th , 2017 @ 7pm	(regular meeting)

10. PENDING ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ REPORT OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATION

Interim City Manager spoke of the resignation of the City Planner and the interim services provide by McKenna Associates. The service will go out for bid.

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11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/NEW BUSINESS

Member Blanke spoke of City of Fraser resident Anna Cameron's mother who is 102 years old. Member Blanke also thanked the Mayor for the pin.

Member Schornak wished all a Happy Easter.

Member Foster thanked Mary for the budget.

Member Lesich spoke of the successful Easter Egg Hunt and he is also an active member of the SEMCOG Executive Board.

Member Carnagie spoke of the 400 hot dogs served at the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fraser Public Schools Special Election and the DIA Art in the City project.

Member Hemelberg wished all a Happy Easter.

Mayor Nichols wished all a Happy Easter.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Resident Vania Apps spoke

Resident Gary Laine spoke.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor NICHOLS moved, Member CARNAGIE seconded by, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF April 13th, 2017 @ 10:51PM.

The motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Joe Nichols, Mayor

12. ADJOURNMENT