

**Minutes
Fraser City Council
December 14th, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

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 Pro-tem Blanke, Council Members Foster, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak and Winowiecki

Absent:

Also Present: D. Wayne O'Neal, Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Tim Tomlinson, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Pro-tem Blanke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Member SCHORNAK moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO AMEND AGENDA TO MOVE ITEM 6I TO 6A.

Motion carried 6-0

Member LESICH moved, second by Member KALKA, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 6-0

4. Citizen Participation:

Resident Gary Laine spoke on topic.

Resident Deanna Reiner spoke on topic.

Resident Susan Wieland spoke on topic.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 11-09-2017.

b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of 11-20-2017.

c. Approval of Minutes of the Special Study Meeting of 12-05-2017.

d. Approval of Bills for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$1,178,457.47.

e. Receive and File Finance Revenue and Expenditure Report.

f. Receive and File the 10-3-2017 Recreation Commission Meeting minutes.

g. Approval of 2018 City Council Meeting Calendar.

Member Foster questioned specific line items of November 2017 bills.

Member Schornak spoke of financial services.

Member Lesich spoke of Wood Hill Group.

Member Winowiecki reiterate line items were budgeted in the November 2017 bills.

Member LESICH moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried 5-1
Member Foster apposed

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6. Requests for Council Action:

a. Finance Director Presentation of Current Financial Conditions and Outlook

Finance Director Tim Sadowski provided a 'Balancing the Budget' presentation.

Member Blanke questioned a Supplemental Winter Tax Bill ~ Mr. Sadowski was not familiar with the bill.

Conversation ensued

Member Foster spoke of over spending.

Member Lesich spoke on topic.

Mr. Sadowski stated the city can look forward to a MERS increase, health budget increase and the city must meet contractual obligations of union contracts. Mr. Sadowski stated he will prepare a budget that is feasible for 2018-2019.

b. AEW Presentation: Update City Council on Capital Improvement Projects Relating to City's Infrastructure

Presentation removed from agenda.

c. Request Council Grant City Manager Authorization to Establish Hours of Operation

City Manager Wayne O'Neal requested the authority to adjust City Hall hours of operation, open Monday – Thursday from 8am – 4:30pm, closed Fridays. Mr. O'Neal stated city administration has the authority to adjust hours.

Member Foster stated she would like the hours presented at the next regular meeting.

Public to be heard – None

Member WINOWIECKI moved, second by Member BLANKE, TO APPROVE REQUEST OF CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION.

Motion carried 5-1
Member Foster apposed

d. Request Council Approval of IT Department Reductions – Elimination of Granicus Costs

Mr. O'Neal spoke of the potential budgets cuts of the I.T. Department, Granicus is a program that allows us to view previous council and board meetings, the cost is \$15,000 per year and would like to keep it active.

Member Lesich stated residents watch meetings via the internet, it's a great benefit, it's adds transparency.

Member Kalka asked of other providers - Ms. Kwiatkowski, IT Director stated a new system would require a new encoder which is very expensive.

Member Foster spoke of a \$107,000 savings; consider a part-time Activity Director.

Member LESICH moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN GRANICUS FOR THE 2017/2018 BUDGET.

Motion carried 6-0

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e. Request Council Approval of Public Safety Department Reductions

Public Safety Director George Rouhib spoke on topic.

Member Blanke spoke of Fraser Dispatch.

Director Rouhib stated eight officers will not be replaced, if Council choice is to maintain dispatch services, capital improvements will be necessary. If dispatch is eliminated, dispatch will never come back to the city, it is too expensive to start up again.

Member Blanke stated with eight less officers, Fraser Dispatch is very important.

Member Foster spoke of her projections for the department.

Member Kalka stated she is not ready to cut dispatch, they provide a life and death service.

Member Winowiecki is in favor of keeping Fraser Dispatch.

Member Schornak questioned the \$130,000 capital improvement costs, how will it be funded? ~ Director Rouhib stated it would be scheduled out of gambling fund, if eliminated and started up at later date, the cost would be huge. Comtec is not an option the equipment is not compatible.

Member Lesich stated the elimination of Public Safety officers and the elimination of Fraser Dispatch is too much.

Public to be Heard:

Resident Jeanne Lynch spoke on topic

Resident Ray Wojciechowski spoke on topic

Business owner Robert Maxim spoke on topic

Fraser Dispatch Chuck Paul spoke on topic

Request to follow up pricing on Comtec, dispatch only.

Member BLANKE moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO REMOVE

EIGHT PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND PERSERVE FRASER DISPATCH AS IS.

Roll call vote:

Blanke yes

Foster no

Kalka yes

Lesich yes

Schornak yes

Winowiecki yes

Motion carried 5-1

f. Request Council Approval of Senior Apartment Rental Rates

City Manager Wayne O'Neal spoke of a rate increase of \$70 for two bedrooms and \$40 for one bedroom. The housing is running at a deficit.

Conversation ensued in regard to the lease and or sale of the senior housing.

Member Foster spoke on topic.

Member Winowiecki suggested no action at this time, there are many capital improvements concerns in regard to the building.

Member Schornak moved to postpone action, allow DPW Supervisor Mr. VanFleteren to review and present capital improvement projections ~ motion withdrawn.

Audience member Mr. Wojciechowski asked to participate in future discussions of the Fraser Senior Housing

longevity.

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Public to be heard:

Resident Amy Baranski spoke on topic

Resident Ray Wojciechowski spoke on topic

Member LESICH moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO INCREASE FRASER SENIOR HOUSING RENT \$25 FOR BOTH ONE AND TWO BEDROOM UNITS.

Roll call vote:

Blanke	yes
Foster	no
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 5-1

g. Request Council Approval of Recreation / Senior Center Closure and Maintain Smart Bus Operation Thru 6-30-2018

Member Schornak stated she is not in favor of closing the Senior Center, spoke of hour reduction and elimination of part time employees.

Member Foster offered cost savings.

City Manager stated the department is fee driven.

Conversation ensued.

Member LESICH moved, second by Member KALKA, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF RECREATION / SENIOR CENTER AS OF 12-21-2017.

Public to be Heard:

Resident Deanna Reiner

Resident Nancy Jolly

Resident Amy Baranski

Mr. Marty Prehn

Business owner Ken Immler

Member Foster spoke of costs

Roll call Vote:

Blanke	yes
Foster	no
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	no
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 4-2

Member LESICH moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL NOT TO EXCEED THE ALLOCATION TO MAINTAIN SMART BUS OPERATION THRU 6-30-2018.

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h. Request Council appoint a Member from Council to Election Commission

Member Kalka spoke on topic.

Member FOSTER moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE COUNCIL REQUEST TO APPOINT MEMBER SCHORNAK TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

Motion carried 6-0

i. Request Council Approve the Appointment of Ms. Sandy Decker and Mr. Brian Krause to the Board of Review Commission term ending 12-31-2019

No action taken.

j. Request Council Discuss or Action Related to Vacant Mayor Position

City Manager Wayne O' Neal spoke of the direction of Macomb County Clerk's decision of the submitted recall of the removed Fraser Councilmember.

Attorney Tomlinson stated Council has the authority to appoint a citizen to council but in this situation does not have the authority to call for a special election for the position.

Conversation ensued.

Public to be Heard:

Resident Amy Baranski

Attorney Tim Tomlinson spoke on topic.

Member Foster spoke on topic.

City Manager Wayne O' Neal reference Ms. Baranski's concerns.

Member Kalka spoke on topic.

Member Winowiecki spoke on topic.

7. Pending Items of Unfinished Business / Report of the City Administration

City Manager Wayne O'Neal spoke of the financial difficulties the city faces.

8. Report of Mayor and City Council / New Business

Member Blanke Thanked the residents.

Member Foster Stated she believes in what she said at this meeting and hopes to work some of her Programs.

Member Kalka Thanked the residents and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

Member Lesich City Council made decisions at this meeting regarding the budget cuts that was presented in June 2017. Fraser Dispatch was saved for the time being. Merry Christmas.

Member Schornak Happy Holidays to all. Stated her donation check to the City of Fraser had been cashed.

Member Winowiecki Spoke of the decisions made at the meeting. Spoke of reduction cuts in IT Department, eight Public Safety positions eliminated, maintain Dispatch services, increase rent at Fraser Senior Housing, eliminated Senior Activity Center, but kept Smart Bus service. The changes was not a was no surprise to anyone.

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9. Citizen Participation

Resident Ray Wojciechowski spoke on topic
Business owner Robert Maxim spoke on topic
Business owner Ken Immler spoke on topic
Mr. Marty Prehn spoke

10. Adjournment

Member KALKA moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2017 @ 10:57PM.

The motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Kathy Blake, Mayor Pro-tem