

**Minutes
Fraser City Council – Regular Meeting – (Virtual)
September 10th, 2020**

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

Present: Mayor Carnagie, Council Members; Baranski, Blanke, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak and Winowiecki

Absent:

Also Present: Marc Thompson, Interim City Manager
Kelly Dolland, City Clerk
Donald DeNault, City Attorney

1. Call Meeting to Order–Mayor Carnagie called the Regular Virtual meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

3. Roll Call of Council Members

Members: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, Kalka, Lesich, Schornak and Winowiecki present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member BLANKE, TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnagie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

5. Citizen Participation on Agenda Items – None

6. Closed Session –

a. To Consult with the City’s Attorney Regarding Trial or Settlement Strategy in Connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2019-002843-CD

Member CARNAGIE moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH CITY’S ATTORNEY REGARDING TRIAL OR SETTLEMENT STRATEGY IN CONNECTION WITH MACOMB COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 2019-002843-CD

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnagie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

Enter Closed Session meeting 6:35pm

Meeting called to Session 6:50pm

7. PRESENTATIONS

a. Building, Code Enforcement, and Master Plan Update, Sarah Traxler, McKenna

City Planner Sarah Traxler spoke of Master Plan Survey, rodent / code enforcement concerns, Planning Commission review of current zoning ordinances; sign ordinance.
Conversation ensued.

b. Recreation and Senior Activity Center Update, Director Christina Woods

Activity Director Christina Woods spoke of Covid-19, staff lay off and part-time employment status. Senior Van service has continued thru Covid-19. Spoke of upcoming events, reinstatement of newsletter and tree grant of 50 trees to be planted in Blanke, McKinley and Steffens park.

Conversation ensued in regard to programs held during Covid-19, request Director Woods prepare a plan for Council at the October 2020 Council meeting, option of complete shut down and go into a different direction.

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Interim City Manager Marc Thompson stated options will be provided to Council at the October 2020 meeting.

- c. Human Resource Services Update, Amy Cell, Amy Cell LLC.

Ms. Amy Cell, with Amy Cell LLC. spoke of the availability and cost of a BS&A H.R. information system for the city, need to update city handbook and policies, review forms, job description for ADA compliance. Also spoke on the hire of two Public Safety Officer, interview of DPW employee, ad for part-time finance department position and the successful hire of the Interim City Manager Marc Thompson.
Council complemented Amy Cell LLC.

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 9th, 2020
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 23rd, 2020
- c. Receive and File Budget to Actual through June 2020
- d. Approval of Bills for the month of July - 2020 in the amount of 3,940,273.75
- e. Receive and File Finance Budget to Actual Report ending June, 2020
- f. Receive and File Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 2nd, 2020

Member WINOWIECKI moved, second by Member KALKA, TO APPROVE AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13TH, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

8. Requests for Council Action

- a. Discussion and Update Interim City Manager Interview – Amy Cell, LLC with Marc Thompson

City Attorney Don DeNault provided back up of approval.

Interim City Manager Marc Thompson thanked Council for their confidence.

Member WINOWIECKI, moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO APPROVE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER MARC THOMPSON EMPLOYMENT CONTACT AS WRITTEN AND DISCUSSED AND SIGNED.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

- b. Discussion Item – Increase to Two City Council Meetings Per Month

Member Baranski spoke of two meetings a month on a short term basis, September, October and November 2020. Conversation ensued.

Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member WINOWIECKI, TO APPROVE THREE REGULAR MEETINGS TO AGENDA, WITH DATES IDENTIFIED AS SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2020, OCTOBER 22ND, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 24TH, 2020 @ 6:30PM.

Roll call vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

c. Discussion of Extension of the City of Fraser Covid-19 State of Emergency Through October 8th, 2020

Member KALKA moved, second by Member BARANSKI, TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF FRASER COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGH OCTOBER 10TH, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

d. Request Council set a Public Hearing on the IFT application for Carmela Foods in the amount of \$2,236,568 for a period of 12 years for a new facility expansion on 15 Mile Rd.

Interim City Manager Marc Thompson spoke of the procedural need to set a Public Hearing date for the IFT request. Conversation ensued.

Mr. Jack Johns Macomb County Planning & Economic Development Project Planner spoke on topic.

Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member LESICH, TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE IFT APPLICATION FOR CARMELA FOODS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,236,568 FOR A PERIOD OF 12 YEARS FOR A NEW FACILITY EXPANSION ON 15 MILE RD. AT THE OCTOBER 8TH, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Carnegie	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 7-0

e. Approval of Covid-19 Fund Reimbursement - First Responder Premium Pay

Interim City Manager Marc Thompson referenced premium pay, additional pay to First Responders due to exposure related to Covid-19. This is a reimbursement grant submitted to Macomb County, Council approved required.

Member Carnegie recuse himself from the vote.

Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member SCHORNAK, TO ALLOW MEMBER CARNAGIE TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 6-0

Conversation ensued.

Member BARANSKI moved, second by Member BLANKE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO PAY EACH OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS \$1,000 HAZARD PAY BONUS SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE MEMO REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT AND SUBJECT TO BOTH MR. DENAULT AND MR. FANTUZZI SIGNING OFF ON THIS AS BEING LEGALLY APPROPRIATE FROM THE CITIES PERSPECTIVE.

FROM THE VOTE.

Roll Call Vote:

Baranski	yes
Blanke	yes
Kalka	yes
Lesich	yes
Schornak	yes
Winowiecki	yes

Motion carried 6-0

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

Interim City Manager Marc Thompson spoke of IT systems InaComp proposal.
Spoke of potential Fraser Senior Housing JMZ management contract.
Fraser Senior Housing balcony repair to begin 9-14-2020.
Mr. Thompson and Interim Finance Director John Walters implement a City of Fraser investment policy.
9-24-2020 agenda item; Public Safety Lucas machine purchase approval.
Commented his positive experience with the City of Fraser.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL / NEW BUSINESS

Blanke: She is grateful, Council reduced the mills and new staffing will provide a strong team.
Carnegie: Spoke of rodent program and good communication. Macomb County Memorial 9-11-2020 @ 6pm
Fraser Honor Guard present.
Baranski: Spoke of sidewalk on Fruehauf and thanked Interim City Manager Marc Thompson.
Kalka: Fraser Farmer Marker, thanked Amy Cell and Interim City Manager Marc Thompson.
Lesich: Spoke of Utica Rd and 14 Mile Rd water main project and Fruehauf project.
Schornak: Spoke of parks, code enforcement, trim trees and bushes on sidewalks.
Winowiecki: Thanked Dylan Church, Sarah Traxler, Marc Thompson, Amy Cell and Lt. Dave Bisby.

Interim DPW Director Nick Schaefer provided an update in regard to Fruehauf sidewalks and driveways, Park construction to begin in two weeks, Water main project / P completion end of October, 2020, Fraser Senior Housing balcony project begin 9-14-2020.

11. Citizen Participation

Resident Tom LaDuke spoke
Resident Laura Lesich spoke

12. Adjournment

Member WINOWIECKI moved, second by Member KALKA, TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2020 @ 9:15PM.

The motion carried unanimously,
Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dolland, City Clerk

Michael Carnagie, Mayor