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FRASER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023 – 6:30 P.M.

AS APPROVED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the City of Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carnegie called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Carnegie led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Council Member Baranski
Council Member Blanke
Mayor Carnegie
Council Member O'Dell
Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak
Council Member Sutherland

Absent: Council Member Kalka

Others: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, Director of Public Safety Kretzschmar,
Department of Public Works Superintendent Ragsdale, Engineer Mike Vigneron,
City Clerk Greenia

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to excuse Council Member Kalka.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnegie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

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4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2023 Fraser City Council Meeting as presented/amended.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation at this time.

6. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to enter into closed session for the purpose of consulting with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy regarding Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2020-003248-CD.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland.
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

City Council entered closed session at 6:36 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Motion by Baranski supported by O'Dell to direct the City Manager to take all required actions to implement the recommendations of the City's legal counsel.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the consent agenda for the January 12, 2023 meeting of the Fraser City Council:

- a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022
- b. Civil Service Commission Meeting Minutes June 15, 2022
- c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 5, 2022
- d. Historical Commission Meeting Minutes November 7, 2022
- e. Grant Management Policy
- f. Budget Amendments
- g. Check Disbursements
- h. Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by O'Dell supported by Schornak to approve the Consent Agenda for the January 12, 2023 Fraser City Council Meeting as amended.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

8. NEW BUSINESS

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a. Sgt. Myers Recognition

Mayor Carnegie read a certificate of appreciation for Sgt. Eric Meyers into the record.

Director of Public Safety Kretzschmar supported that Sergeant Meyers was a great asset to the Department and stated he would be missed.

b. ZBA Member Stimac Recognition

Mayor Carnegie read a certificate of appreciation for ZBA Member Mark Stimac into the record.

Mr. Stimac was present. He thanked the City staff, consultants and fellow Board Members for all of their help and support over the years. He wanted to especially thank his family for their support as well.

Council Member Blanke added that she was aware he had served many City Councils and Mayors over the years. She had never heard a harsh word spoken about Mr. Stimac in all that time. He is held in the highest esteem by all with a reputation for being professional and fair. She thanked him for setting the bar high.

Attorney DeNault stated that he had the pleasure of working with Mr. Stimac for several years. In those years it became apparent to him that Mr. Stimac was the best Chairperson of any Board or Commission he had ever seen. He always knew the rules and what to do in any situation. He indicated that Mr. Stimac would even be a good trainer if they were looking down the road in the future.

c. CDBG Public Hearing

Mayor Carnegie opened the public hearing on the 2023 CDBG Funding at 7:37 p.m.

The following participants were heard:

Heather Topic, a resident case manager at Turning Point was present to speak to City Council regarding their request for funding. She reviewed with City Council the history of Turning Point and the services that they provided the area and the City of Fraser specifically. They were asking for \$2,500 from the City from the 2023 CDBG Funds.

Scott Anders with Interfaith Volunteers was present to address City Council. He has passed out literature to City Council that covered the services they provided to the elderly and physically challenged residents of the City of Fraser. He covered the "Safe at Home" program which helps those individuals stay in their homes. They were requesting \$1,850 from the City in the 2023 CDBG Funds.

Dorie Vazquez-Nolan was present on behalf of CARE House, the Macomb County Child Advocacy Center. She explained that their purpose was to be of help and support for children that had been a victim of any kind of child abuse as well as those that had witnessed it. They cooperated with all law enforcement agencies. They promoted healing for these children and offered ways to help families to cope with these situations. They were requesting \$2,400 from the City in the 2023 CDBG Funds.

Mayor Carnegie closed the public hearing on the 2023 CDBG Funding at 7:52 p.m.

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d. CDBG Allocation Approval

City Council discussed the possible manner to allocate the 2023 CDBG funding.

They agreed to do so as follows:

Motion by Schornak supported by Blanke to allocate the City of Fraser 2023 CDBG Funds as follows:

Turning Point	\$2,500
Interfaith Volunteers	\$1,850
CARE House	\$3,400

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS

Motion Carried

e. Board of Review Appointments

Motion by Blanke supported by Baranski to reappoint Kenneth Perry, Jr. to the City of Fraser Assessing Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2024.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS

Motion Carried

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to reappoint Kathy Czarnecki to the City of Fraser Assessing Board of Review with a term ending December 31, 2024.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS

Motion Carried

f. Planning Commission Appointment

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to reappoint Kathy Czarnecki to the City of Fraser Planning Commission with a term end date of December 31, 2025.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS

Motion Carried

g. 2021 Sewer Cleaning Contract Modification Approval

City Engineer Mike Vigneron reviewed this item with City Council. Discussion was had.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Sutherland to approve an additional \$14,631.33 in contract costs for the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Investigation – SW Quad Contract with Pipetek Infrastructure Services, Increasing the authorized amount from \$189,830.00 to \$204,461.33.

Frank Farina questioned why there was an increase in the cost of the contract. Mr. Vigneron stated this was a “unit cost” contract. There was more to do then they had anticipated

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS

Motion Carried

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h. Kelly Road Cost Share Agreement

City Engineer Mike Vigneron went over the proposed Cost Share Agreement between Macomb County, Clinton Township and the City of Fraser for the reconstruction of Kelly Road between 14 Mile Road and 15 Mile Road. He indicated that this would need to be acted upon prior to the January 26, 2023 County Board of Commissioner's Meeting. The estimated total cost for this to the City of Fraser is \$513,419. A deposit of \$111,250 is required at this time.

Discussion was had of how this affected the budget and if we had the funds available. City Manager Leven reviewed she felt we were in a good position at this time. Council Member Blanke shared that the Federal Government was burdening a large share of the cost for this project.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Blanke to approve the Cost Share Agreement between the County of Macomb, Township of Clinton and City of Fraser for the reconstruction of Kelly Road between 14 Mile Road and 15 Mile Road and to approve the expenditure of \$111,250 to cover the City of Fraser's share of the preliminary engineering costs as submitted for this project.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS

Motion Carried

i. D.P. W. Vehicle Purchase Request

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mark Ragsdale was present to ask City Council for their approval to purchase a Ford F-250 4 x 4 pick-up with snow plow for the Department of Public Works Supervisor as well as a new 2023 Ford F-550 dump truck with plow and salter.

City Council discussed the request and the reason these were needed. Mr. Ragsdale stated that currently the Department of Public Works Supervisor had no snow plow on her truck and he felt she needed to have one. Her current vehicle would go to the grass crew as it would hold more people so they did not have to take more than one vehicle out to mow grass.

A lengthy discussion was had on the need for the new pick-up. Mayor Carnagie noted at one time Council had asked all Department's to do an inventory of their current vehicles to see if they needed all of them. It might be a good idea for the DPW to put together something like that for City Council to see. Council Member O'Dell indicated that he, too, would like further information as to how the current fleet was being managed before he would be comfortable purchasing the F-250. Discussion was had on the amount of employees the Department currently has as well as how short they were and if all the vehicles were being used currently.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Baranski to approve the purchase of the 2023 Ford F-550 dump truck with plow and salter as submitted to Council and waive the competitive bid process due to utilizing the State of Michigan's procurement MiDeal contact noting that Mr. Ragsdale will bring City Council information back to support his request for the purchase of the F-250.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS

Motion Carried

Further discussion was had about what options could be had for purchasing vehicles for the DPW.

9. RETURNING BUSINESS:

a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Discussion on proposed 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Andrew Littman was present on behalf of McKenna and Associates. He reviewed that the document had been updated and proofread again. He felt that this plan was ready for adoption at this time. He was asking that City Council adopt the Parks and Recreation Plan so that it would be officially ready to move forward with the process for final approval with the State of Michigan and allow the City to apply for grants using the document.

Motion by Blanke supported by Baranski to approve Resolution #2023-01 adopting the City of Fraser Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 as updated.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview had comments on the plan. She wanted to make sure that Recreation Commission members were correct in this document.

AYES: Baranski, Blanke, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS

Motion Carried

10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven reviewed the following updates for City Council.

She received the proposed water rate increase of 2.75% from GLWA. They are still in meetings to determine the final number.

Captain Gillies is has worked with the County to submit the Emergency Management Plan.

She had a Macomb County city manager's meeting on Monday. It was well attended and offers an opportunity for County manager's to get together and discuss current concerns. County Executive Mark Hackel was there. She was planning on holding them quarterly. She welcomed the new City Manager of Roseville, Mr. Ryan Monroe.

City Attorney DeNault and she have been working on reviewing the City Council Rules, Charter, and all by-laws. Discussion was had on time-limits on comments during public hearings. Attorney DeNault stated it was really up to City Council – the only thing is they must be reasonable.

The Street Committee as well as the Public Safety Committee met last week and had good meetings.

11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Baranski shared that the Department of Public Safety Committee met yesterday. It was a very good meeting and she was very excited about the vision that the Director and the Captains have for the Department moving forward. It was a very promising meeting.

She added that she would like to see participation numbers from each department to use for budgeting purposes. How many residents are taking advantages of our services?

Also she would like to see a quarter year assessment of where we are at with the General Fund.

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Council Member Baranski shared that it was good to have McKenna produce the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and that she was happy the City Council chose to go this route. They have a template moving forward for how to put this document together.

Council Member Sutherland wished everyone a Happy New Year. She said she had been getting a lot of emails regarding cannabis. She knew at one point there had been discussion of having a town hall to discuss this. She was looking for an update and a blanket statement to be able to respond to all the questions. City Manager Leven stated that there was still quite a bit of litigation happening on this issue and the City was waiting to see how the decisions were coming down to see how to proceed.

Council Member Sutherland stated that Fraser First was having their annual Blue Jean Ball on February 11, 2023. They have music and it's at the Vintage House in Fraser.

Council Member O'Dell reiterated that the Fraser First group was having their annual fund raiser the Blue Jean Ball on February 11, 2023. The cost was \$45 per person and included dinner and an open bar. It was a great event. He then stated he agreed with Council Member Baranski that he was looking forward to making improvements at the parks and having discussions on this with City Council.

Council Member Blanke stated that she had been on City Council for a while. She was nearing the end of her service to the City at this time. She explained her great concern that the Department of Public Safety really was what should be getting priority when decisions are made.

Mayor Pro-Tem Schornak reviewed the flood at the museum. She said there had been a lot of damage. She hoped the insurance company was going to be involved. City Manager Leven noted they were already on it.

Mayor Carnegie had nothing at this time.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview, reviewed the Blue Jean Ball as well. She encouraged all of City Council and City Administration to attend the event as well as all of the residents.

She asked the status of City hires.

She added that they should be aware during Closed Session meetings some voices carried.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Carnegie supported by Sutherland to enter into closed session for strategies and negotiations having to do with collective bargaining for the purpose of discussing Teamsters Local #2214 DPW LOU.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Baranski, Carnegie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

City Council entered into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

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A short recess was taken. City Council entered into closed session.

City Council reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Fraser and Teamsters Local #2214 DPW as outlined by the City Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Baranski, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

Motion by Carnagie supported by Schornak to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing the City Manager Mid-Year Review

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: Baranski, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

City Council entered into closed session at 9:29 p.m.

City Council reconvened at 10:42 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak supported by Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

AYES: Baranski, Carnagie, O'Dell, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS:

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Carnagie, Mayor
City of Fraser