



City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

CITY MANAGER

Elaine Leven

CITY CLERK

Cynthia Greenia

MAYOR

Michael Lesich

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Dana Sutherland

COUNCIL

Amy Baranski

Patrick O'Dell

Kenny Perry

Patrice Schornak

Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 33000 Garfield, Fraser, MI 48026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lesich called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members were present:

PRESENT: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

ABSENT: Baranski, Stein

Motion by Sutherland supported by Schornak to excuse members Baranski and Stein from the meeting.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA;

No motion made

5. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment at this time.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda for the May 9, 2024 meeting of the Fraser City Council:

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024
- b. City Council Meeting Minutes April 16 2024
- c. Historical Commission Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024
- d. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes March 6, 2024
- e. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024
- f. Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024
- g. Title VI Policy
- h. Mail Carriers Stamp Out Hunger
- i. Historical Commission May Newsletter
- j. Check Disbursements
- k. Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Schornak supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 9, 2024 meeting of the Fraser City Council as proposed.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 2024-2025 Police and Fire SAD Millage Rates Resolution #2024-005

Mayor Lesich opened discussion on this item. Council Member O'Dell began by stating that he would still like to keep the PA33 at 2 mills.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Sutherland to keep the PA33 millage at two (2) mills as proposed in the budget.

Discussion:

Council Member Schornak stated she felt everyone needed to compromise to get this done. Council Member Perry commented that he wanted to levy zero (0) mills due to the current surplus in the city's finances.

A lengthy discussion ensued with a proposal that if the City did levy even one (1) mill the amount of money that it raised would be taken from the general fund and used to pay down the OPEB liability. The millage itself was to be used for Police and Fire expenses, but Council could designate the same amount of money that was going to be raised from these taxes for that purpose. All Council Members expressed their opinions and concerns regarding this millage question.

Deanna Reinhold, 15569 Luxemburg approached City Council. She stated that they fought so hard to get PA 33 in place and we needed to build up our Department of Public Safety staff, they needed new equipment, and she did not feel we should lower or get rid of PA 33.

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Vote on Motion:

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Sutherland

NAYS: Perry, Schornack

Motion Failed

b. FY 2024-2025 Budget Adoption Resolution #2024-006

City Manager Leven reviewed the proposed budget with the changes discussed. They held the public hearing on it and it had been discussed a couple of times at two study sessions. However, without having a discussion and decision on PA33 it really could not be approved. She added that they had to come to a decision by the end of May as the tax bills needed to go for printing by then. Discussion was had on scheduling special meetings so they could make a decision. It was agreed that City Manager Leven would get the dates out to all Council members via email and ask for everyone's availability. Council should get their responses back to City Manager Leven by Monday at noon.

c. Axon Taser Purchase

Public Safety Director Kretzschmar approached the City Council regarding her request to purchase 15 Axon Tasers including batteries and cartridges. She told Council that the Department currently had 12 tasers. She explained that she would like to see everyone have their own taser. This would alleviate a lot of wear and tear on the tasers.

The model of taser she is requesting to purchase is the standard taser, there were more expensive tasers but she was going to be satisfied with this model.

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to waive competitive bidding and purchase 15 Axon Tasers with cartridges and batteries from the drug forfeiture account #2650311-742.000 in the amount of \$22,897.50.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornack, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

d. 2023 Water Main Replacement Program

Scott Lockwood, AEW, 51301 Schoenherr, Shelby Township, MI, was present to speak regarding the 2023 Water Main Replacement Program. He shared that there were four (4) bidders for this project. The low bid was PAMAR. They were recommending awarding the bid to PAMAR in the amount of \$2,582,461.36. They had worked with them quite often and they were a good company.

There would also be a 2% contingency fund of \$50,000.00 and construction contract administration services in accordance with the standing agreement with AEW in the amount of \$310,000. This would bring the total to \$2,942,461.36

He reviewed the scope of the project with City Council.

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to award the contract for the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project to Pamar Enterprises in the amount of \$2,582,461.36, authorize Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. to provide contract administration

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services in accordance with the standing agreement in the estimated of \$310,000.000, and authorize the DPW Superintendent and City Manager discretion to approve additional contract costs from a construction contingency of \$50,000.00 with a total authorization not to exceed \$2,942,461.36.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

e. Lion's Club Carnival Contract

City Manager Leven stated that they had before them a five (5) year contract between the City and the Lion's Club for the carnival. It has been reviewed by the Attorney.

Recreation Coordinator Delmege and Lion's Club Representative Derrick approached the Council. Derrick noted the changes made to the contracted included that the City would send them one single bill within 60 days of the event, making sure that the Lion's Club was billed correctly for City employees' time, and they also got rid of the Glo Works clause.

Discussion was had on the fireworks show. City Manager Leven noted that they had some bad news regarding the fireworks. Much like everything else the cost had gone up. It was going to cost the City more money for less fireworks this year. Discussion was had on the Lion's Club putting more money into the show. This should be an item on the next agenda for a decision by Council.

Council Member O'Dell wanted to share that Derrick spends an enormous amount of his free time getting this ready for the City. He expressed his appreciation for all of this time and efforts on behalf of the Lion's Club and the City.

Discussion was had regarding the dates for next year and that it would be held August 21 through the 24 due to some scheduling conflicts in 2025. Mayor Lesich thanked Derrick as well for all he does for the carnival.

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to approve the Lion's Club Carnival Five (5) Year Contract as presented.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland
NAYS: None

Motion Carried

f. SMART Contract

City Manager Leven reviewed the SMART Contract item. She indicated that it would cost the City over \$60,000 in expenses to run the SMART Program this year. The amount credited back from SMART was to be \$40,675.00.

Motion by O'Dell supported by Schornak to approve and sign Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for FY 2024 to obtain funding of \$40,675.00.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

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NAYS: None

Motion Carried

g. SEMCOG FY 25 Planning Assistance Program Resolution #2024-007

Scott Lockwood, AEW, appeared before City Council. He explained that the City of Fraser had an opportunity for a Planning Assistance Program Grant in the maximum amount of \$50,000 with an 18.5% match required. There was \$450,000 available at this time

If the City chose to apply for the Grant it would be a Master Plan for Pedestrian traffic. He reviewed the process for this application as well as what types of things they would be addressing in the plan.

This is a grant for the plan only, no physical work to be done with these monies.

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to adopt Resolution #2024-007 for the SEMCOG FY 25 Planning Assistance Program grant application and authorize the City Manager to submit an application for sidewalk and pathway gap network planning.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

h. City Clerk Recommendation

City Manager Leven reviewed that the Clerk Interview Committee met last week and interviewed four (4) very good candidates for the position of Fraser City Clerk. After discussion there was a unanimous decision to recommend August Gitschlag for the position. She reviewed his qualifications for the position with City Council. She was very excited about the opportunity to work with him and added that he was excited as well.

Motion by Lesich supported by Perry to enter into discussions with August Gitschlag to fill the role of City Clerk for the City of Fraser

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

8. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Library Building Discussion

Jim Sutherland, Library Board Trustee, was present to review this item with the City Council.

He read into the record a letter that City Council had received in their packet regarding the matter of the library purchasing the City Building they had been using up until the time of the car accident. A timeline for the purchase was in the letter as well as information that they were going to be saving up for a larger building and would most likely move within ten years. Discussion was had on the reverter clause in the contract and how that would be met. Details of other parts of the contract were discussed as well.

At this time Mr. Sutherland invited the public to attend their meetings. He wanted them to hear what was going on at the library straight from the library board. Their next

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regularly scheduled meeting was May 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. He added there was a great amount of information for everyone on their website.

Deanna Reinhold, 15569 Luxemburg. She questioned as to whether or not the Library had been making lease payments to the City for the use of the building. Mr. Sutherland stated there was not. City Manager Leven reviewed this in greater detail.

9. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven reviewed the following updates:

The rooftop HVAC units are getting installed – we are coming down the homestretch.

She reviewed they will be working on road projects through the County. She would like to get the street committee back together to plan for these. They are trying to get funding for the Industrial Sub Road concerns. She asked any Council members that might be interested to email her about serving on the committee.

10. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Perry wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Council Member Schornak wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. She reviewed that the Historical Commission was holding a Barn Sale on June 2, they have one every month. There was a new sign at the garden at the Baumgartner House – Samantha's Garden. They have a new split rail fence. They are taking donations on Wednesday evenings.

Council Member O'Dell wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He encouraged everyone to appreciate their moms.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sutherland congratulated the Fraser High School Class of 2024.

Mayor Lesich wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He stated he attended the Macomb Business Awards and that the City of Fraser was well represented.

He was working on securing funding for the Industrial Roads. Congratulations to the Fraser Class of 2024 Graduates. The Roseville City Council was going through a tough time for various reasons right now and he wanted to extend his support to them.

11. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Luxio Onxy, 16891 General appeared before City Council to express her frustration and anger at Israel and her opinion on the wars she feels the US has initiated.

Laura Lesich, 15201 Fairview, approached City Council. She stated that the next Fraser First meeting was on May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the current library building. They were holding a fund raiser at The Ram's Horn on May 30, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Tiny Doors display is at the McKinley Park. The Recreation Commission is cancelled this month. She encourages people to come to the meeting in June. They will probably start

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talking about the parade at that meeting. Plus there are two (2) open seats on that Commission.

She stated that the Council should do what it takes to have a great show for the fireworks.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lesich supported by Sutherland to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

AYES: Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Sutherland

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Cindi Greenia, Clerk
City of Fraser

Michael Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser