



CITY MANAGER

Elaine Leven

CITY CLERK

August Gitschlag

City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

MAYOR

Michael T. Lesich

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Patrick O'Dell

COUNCIL

Amy Baranski

Kenny Perry Jr.

Patrice M. Schornak

Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.
APPROVED October 9, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lesich called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Absent:

Others Present: City Manager Leven, City Attorney DeNault, City Clerk Gitschlag,
DPS Director Kretzschmar, DPW Superintendent Barrett, DPW Supervisor
Gregory

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by O'Dell, supported by Stein to approve the agenda

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

George-Michael Higgins, Vania Apps, and Chris Miller all expressed interest in the vacant Council seat, should Council decide to appoint to fill the vacancy.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2025
- b. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- d. Approve SMART Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract
- e. Approve Fraser First Booster Club Mural Memo of Understanding
- f. Rail Safety Week Proclamation
- g. Receive Check Disbursements
- h. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Schornak, supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent agenda.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

7. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Strategy discussion with Legal Counsel regarding negotiations related to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of a strategy discussion with Legal Counsel regarding negotiations related to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Council Enters Closed Session at 6:38pm

Council Exits Closed Session at 7:23pm

Council reconvenes the regular meeting at 7:26pm

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DPW Pickup Trucks Purchase

DPW Superintendent Barrett, DPW Supervisor Gregory presented to Council

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Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to approve the purchase of three Ford F-250 4x4 pick-up trucks with spray liners through the MiDeal purchasing cooperative contract for \$48,325 each and outfitting the trucks through Truck and Trailer Specialties, totaling \$199,616.00.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

b. Proposal to Re-Stain Fort Fraser

DPW Superintendent Barrett, DPW Supervisor Gregory presented to Council

Motion by Schornak, Supported by Baranski to approve the quote to re-stain Fort Fraser from Ken Shepard Painting for \$9,800.00

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

c. Squad One Stryker Power Load and Cot Purchase Request

DPS Director Kretzschmar presented to Council

Motion by Baranski supported by Lesich to approve the purchase of the power load, cot, and warranty, from Stryker out of the ambulance capital outlay account 210.301.972.000 for the amount of \$91,677.01.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich, supported by Schornak to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,780 to account 210.301.972.000

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

d. Glock MOS with Mounted Light Purchase Request

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Motion by Baranski supported by Stein to approve the purchase of thirty-three (33) Glock .9 mm pistols, MOS/Red Dot Technology sights, Streamlight tactical rail lights, holsters, and ammunition from the Public Safety Capital Outlay account 101.301.972.000 for a final cost of \$34,287.65.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays:

Absent:

Motion Passes

Councilmember Schornak asked about launcher hooks (Grappler Police Bumbers)

e. Senior Activity Center Security Cameras

City Manager Leven presented to Council

Motion by Baranski, supported by O'Dell to approve the purchase and installation of security cameras for the Senior Activity Center from Phillips Security in the amount of \$8,441.50.

Ayes: Baranski, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays: Lesich

Absent:

Motion Passes

9. RETURNING BUSINESS

a. Steffens Park Plan Recommendation

Motion by Lesich, supported by O'Dell to approve the proposal from AEW in the amount of \$54,100

Ayes: Lesich, O'Dell, Stein

Nays: Baranski, Perry, Schornak

Absent:

Motion FAILS

b. City Council Vacancy

After a brief discussion Council agreed to take no action and let the November Election play out

c. Library Subcommittee Report

Councilmember Baranski gave a report which included the mention of the now vacant CVS space for future library consideration

10. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Leven briefed council regarding the closure of CVS, and the start of the Fraser State Bank demolition

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11. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Perry – inquired about the inconsistent street lane striping on Masonic

Stein – congratulated the Historical Commission on their successful anniversary event

Baranski – Asked about the availability of AV ballots and reminded residents of the November election. Thanks those interested in the vacant seat.

Schornak - congratulated the Historical Commission on their successful anniversary event, thanks those who volunteered for the vacant Council seat, spoke in recognition of the September 11th anniversary.

O'Dell – Recognized the Historical Commission's anniversary and the Lions Carnival and fireworks as very successful. Spoke about civil discourse and toning down rhetoric in America.

Lesich - congratulated the Historical Commission on their successful anniversary event which he participated in, reported that the Pizza with the Cops event was successful, took a M.E.D.A. course in Economic Development, talked about the CVS space.

12. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Laura Lesich – Disappointed the Steffens Park Plan was not approved, Fraser 1st has been advocating for a Band Shelter for some time. Appreciative for the MOU on the mural painting. Upcoming September events include Fraser 1st meeting, Beautification Commission meeting and VFW spaghetti dinner.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schornak, supported by Lesich to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm

Ayes: Baranski, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein

Nays: Lesich

Absent:

Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August R. Gitschlag, City Clerk
City of Fraser