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Sherry Stein

**FRASER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33000 GARFIELD, FRASER, MI 48026
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.
AS APPROVED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Fraser City Council was held on Thursday, November 14, 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 6:32

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lesich led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members were present:

Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland

Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lesich supported by Baranski to amend the agenda by moving Returning Business items 8A, 8B and 8C to New Business items 7A, 7C and 7B - adjusting the New Business order accordingly.

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

Absent: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Sutherland supported by Stein to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Absent: None

Motion Passes

5. CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no citizen participation at this time

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were on the Consent Agenda

- a. Approve City Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024
- b. Approve City Council Special Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024
- c. Receive Board/Commission Meeting Minutes
- d. Receive Historical Commission Newsletter
- e. Approve Check Disbursements
- f. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report

Motion by Sutherland supported by O'Dell to approve the Consent Agenda

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

Absent: None

Motion Passes

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7. NEW BUSINESS (as amended)

A. CITY HALL HVAC SYSTEM UPDATE

Mike Vigneron and Dave Konrad updated Council on the status of the HVAC updated to City Hall

B. LIBRARY BUILDING FUTURE PLAN – CONSIDERATION OF SALE

Motion by Baranski supported by Schornak to ratify the agreement as now presented by Library Board President Marlene Hoeft and direct Administration to move forward with the sale.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

C. INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADS

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to set public hearing for December 12, 2024 to consider a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the industrial park roads (including Malyn Blvd, Commerce Rd, Riviera Dr, Doreka Dr, James P Pompo Dr, Cross Dr, Mike C Ct, Vermander Dr, and Bennett Dr), of which the SAD would be responsible for 25% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$4 million over a term of up to fifteen (15) years.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich supported by O'Dell to authorize the City Manager to work with City Financial Advisors and Bond Counsel to facilitate the process to procure bonds in the amount of \$8.5 million.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

D. UTILITY RATE STUDY

Several options were presented by Mr. Kazor of Municipal Analytics. The Council chose their own option as reflected in the motion below.

Motion by Schornak, supported by Stein to adopt a plan that includes a \$22 million dollar water infrastructure investment fund and adjust water rates by 8% in March of 2025, and again in July of 2026 with appropriate rate adjustments every subsequent July

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

Motion by Lesich, supported by Sutherland to set the public hearing for discussion of the proposed water and sewer rate adjustments for December 12, 2024 with an administrative explanation of all necessary adjustments available.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

E. DPS Staffing Levels

DPS Director Kretzschmar and the DPS Staffing Committee Members briefly discussed their rationality for the following motion:

Motion by Baranski, supported by Stein to approve the hiring of two (2) new Public Safety Officers in an amount yet to be determined based on the date of hire and level of training required, from the Public Safety Salary line item 101.301.704.000

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

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F. CAR WASH MORATORIUM

Motion by Lesich supported by Schornak to approve resolution 2024-15 Moratorium on the Approval of a New Car Wash for a period of 12 months. Exceptions made for any applicants who have already applied through the ZBA or Planning Commission or space already established for car wash use.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Nays: Perry
Absent: None

Motion Passes

G. SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Motion by O'Dell, Supported by Baranski to approve the sign ordinance as submitted to replace Section 32-85 of Fraser's Code of Ordinances.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

H. MASONIC PUMP STATION

Motion by Baranski supported by Sutherland to award a contract for the Masonic Pump Station Rehabilitation Project to L. D'Agostini and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,767,840.00, and authorize the DPW Superintendent and City Manager discretion to approve additional contract costs from a construction contingency of \$176,784, with a total authorization not to exceed \$1,944,624.00

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

I. Klein/Adolph School Crossing Engineering Proposal

Motion by Sutherland supported by Baranski to approve the engineering services for the Klein Pedestrian Crossing Study with AEW in the amount of \$6,500.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

J. DPW Building Siding

Motion by Schornak supported by Lesich to approve the bid from Allied Building Service to replace the siding on the Public Works Building in the amount of \$62,375.00

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein
Nays: Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

K. Steffens Park Gazebo Roof

Discussion about the cost benefit of putting a roof on a structure that will perhaps need full rehabilitation sooner than later.

Action: Council informally requested that DPW return with estimates for a full rehab or replacement of the Steffens Park Gazebo. No Motion made.

L. Reindel Park Building Proposal

Discussion about the potential uses for the building if repaired vs the cost of demolition

Motion by Schornak supported by Baranski to approve the bid to Den-Man Contractors in the amount of \$11,800.00 to demolish the Reindel Building

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

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Nays: Lesich, Perry
Absent: None

Motion Passes

8. REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION

- City Manager congratulated Capt. Gillis on his achievement of Fire Inspector 1 certification.
- Board vacancies on the following commissions: Assessing Board of Review, Civil Service Commission, Recreation Commission, ZBA and Construction Board of Appeals
- Christmas in Fraser is on December 2
- Clerk Gitschlag shared a brief election update with numbers for voter turnout

9. REPORT OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Stein - Election staff, mentioned Fraser First Blue Jean Ball, pushed new Recreation Department activities, wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving

Perry- Happy Thanksgiving

Schornak – Santa is coming to Historical Museum Dec 1st, Dec 8th half off Christmas sale, and was happy with the Election administration, Happy Thanksgiving and watch for the Goodfellows.

Baranski – Asked about the origin of an anonymous letter to council regarding Sheetz

O'Dell – Happy Thanksgiving

Sutherland – Happy Thanksgiving

Lesich – Would like a longer microphone arm. Thanked all the election workers. Shop Local Macomb and Small Business Saturday is approaching. On November 17, is a fundraiser for the Mayor of Roseville's wife suffering from ALS. Thanked Council for a productive long meeting.

10. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Frank Farina – discussed sidewalk maintenance as part of public safety and master plan. Sidewalks for some subdivisions desperately need repair. Please allocate funding.

Laura Lesich – discussed the maintenance of the Steffens Park gazebo

12. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session to consult with the City attorney regarding trial or settlement in connection with Macomb County Circuit Court Case No. 2023-000951-CE

Motion by Lesich supported by Baranski to **Enter into Closed Session at 10:17pm**

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

Exited Closed session at 10:24

Mayor Lesich brought the meeting back to order at 10:24 pm

Motion by Lesich supported by Baranski to direct the City Attorney to proceed in the manner proposed by the City Attorney in closed session.

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stein supported by Baranski to adjourn the meeting at 10:26pm

Ayes: Baranski, Lesich, O'Dell, Perry, Schornak, Stein, Sutherland
Absent: None

Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 10:26pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael T. Lesich, Mayor
City of Fraser

August Gitschlag, Deputy Clerk
City of Fraser