



## **FRAZEE CITY COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL MEETING Minutes**

6:00 p.m.

September 30th, 2021

Frazees Event Center

Zoom Meeting Information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84241045251>

Meeting ID: 842 4104 5251

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,84241045251# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,84241045251# US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 842 4104 5251

1. Call the Meeting to Order at 6:02 - Roll Call

a. Council Members:

- i. Ken Miosek
- ii. Mike Sharp
- iii. Nicole Strand
- iv. Mark Kemper
- v. Mark Flemmer

b. Guests:

- i. Jordin Roberts
- ii. Nancy Kiehl
- iii. Larry Stephenson
- iv. Tyler Trieglaff
- v. Carey Alger
- vi. Heather Perrine
- vii. Megan Galbreth
- viii. Tori Harbeke
- ix. Tabitha Branden

2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Business of Special Meeting

#### a. Discussion on location of ice rink

- i. Councilmember Flemmer began the meeting with a presentation of the current proposed idea for the ice skating rink, what the vision for the future of the moose pond area is, and other options for placement of the school project garden beds if the project coordinators no longer want to use that location due to the rink. He also mentioned several other locations that were considered for the rink and listed pros and cons for each location.
  1. The demolition derby area had logistical issues such as having to remove the light poles for the demo derby, lack of fencing to prevent kids from going on the railroad tracks and the road, and “major dirt work” annually following the derby. There were also concerns about lack of shelter from the wind and the need to get railroad approval.
  2. A private lot owned by Jay Estenson was mentioned however there are issues with insurance, damaging nearby basements with water runoff, and the area is too small for a rink
  3. The sledding hill at Hank Ludke Park presented concerns for foot traffic, lack of parking space, and not enough room for the rink, the sledding hill, and the warming house. The proximity to the river and thin ice with flowing water was also a concern.
  4. A space near the elementary school was discussed at length as this was a prior location for the rink. Stephenson mentioned that when it was at this location it was hardly ever used as not many knew where it was and the location is exposed to the wind; the area is also extremely difficult to flood for the rink.
- ii. The guests in attendance expressed that their biggest point of contention was due to the lack of communication between the school project coordinators and the city. Those working on the garden said their full plan included expanding the space with an all-natural garden and plants to attract butterflies. They asked why they were not invited to the discussions about the rink area. They were informed that the raised garden beds in the moose pond area needed to be moved and were surprised by the news.
- iii. Kemper mentioned that this topic has been discussed at council meetings for 4 months and all possible areas and locations had been thoroughly considered prior to making the final decision

at the regular monthly council meeting. The topic had also been mentioned in the newspaper on several occasions.

- iv. The Miosek mentioned council had not been made aware of who was in charge of the garden project. They were also unaware of the plans the school members had for the area. Stephenson stated he gave permission for the project when Heather approached him, but the project was not executed how he was anticipating. The garden beds needed repair as the bottoms were falling out and they were placed too close together so the area around them was not manageable, there was also unapproved tilling of an area for an in-ground garden.
- v. Both the council members and the guests in attendance agree better communication would have been beneficial.
- vi. Kemper suggested when the boxes are redone they be constructed so they can be lifted with a bobcat and easily placed and removed. Kemper, Flemmer and Roberts expressed that the area can be used for both activities, the rink in the winter and the gardens and farmers market in the summer.
- vii. The guests also expressed concern regarding the safety of the moose pond location. The risk of children getting hit at the intersection, kids climbing the windmills and fences, and littering were all mentioned.
- viii. The council expressed that there are safety concerns everywhere and steps will be taken to mitigate those such as moving the entrance further down from the corner, fencing off the windmill and pond, and potentially adding no parking signs near the corner to allow for increased intersection visibility.
- ix. Miosek and Kemper invited the guests to attend regular council meetings and bring questions and concerns to council during the open forum as this is open to the public and it is not just for specific items. Roberts mentioned that if they do have specific things they wish to mention they can reach out to her by Wednesday prior to the meeting to ensure they get a spot on the agenda.
- x. The guest did mention they are happy to see the new Facebook page that was started and are excited to see that as a platform to communicate with the community members.
- xi. After the guests left the council members asked Stephenson and Trieglaff about the safety concerns. They expressed that some concerns were minimal, and others can be addressed.
- xii. Roberts asked Stephenson what his timeframe for completing the ice-skating rink was as there are many tasks to be done to prepare city utilities for winter. He stated he is on a very tight time frame to complete the project before the ground freezes and has already been delayed by almost two weeks.

- xiii. Strand expressed the option to co-habitate in the area is a good solution if the planter boxes are to be fixed. Miosek mentioned that the decision to use the area as a rink first needs to be made and then we can decide how to utilize the area in the summer at a later date whether that be for the garden beds or for a community area for farmers markets and turkey days events.
- xiv. Flemmer suggested inviting the garden committee to a parks and rec meeting to discuss future use of the area in conjunction with the rink in the winter.
- xv. Motion by Flemmer to proceed with the skating rink as previously determined and that public safety meet and discuss the parking arrangements. Second by Sharp. **All in favor, motion, carried.**

4. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Strand, second by Sharp. **All in favor motion carried.**

Adjournment at 8:13