

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Holwerda at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call –

Present: Condon, Holwerda, Luedtke, Walenta Absent: Johnson
Also Present: Department Heads–Kidder, Mills, Lozowski Public - 3

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

None

Correspondence

Olson, Bzdok & Howard – Affiliation with Sondee, Racine & Doren
Charter – Price adjustment notification
Wyatt Crawford – Thanked Josh Mills for job shadowing
Brandon Coxe - Thanked Josh Mills for job shadowing

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to approve regular meeting minutes of 12/15/2015 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED
Absent: Johnson

Motion by Walenta, seconded by Luedtke to approve special meeting minutes of 12/22/2015 as presented.

RC: Yeas: Holwerda, Luedtke, Walenta Nays: None
Abstained: Condon Absent: Johnson
Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve prepaid vouchers #47292-47253 in the amount of \$323,693.67 of which \$279,390.37 were tax distributions to other units of governments. Payroll vouchers #29917-30016 in the amount of \$51,721.70.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED
Absent: Johnson

k) Marina Authority

The Marina Authority met and made recommendations for the council on rates for transient and seasonal slips which are on the agenda. An ad was placed in the paper for the marina manager position. Mills, Holwerda, Luedtke and Cal Dummer will do the interviews.

l) Tree Board

There will be no meetings until February.

m) Downtown Development Authority

The RFP is on hold for the marketing, branding, etc. so the DDA can work with the Chamber to pool resources and not duplicate the work that needs to be done on the websites and marketing.

n) Commissioner's Report

Holwerda congratulated Griner on his new role as Commission Chair. On the 27th Commissioner Griner and other commissioners along with Gaylord Jowett, the sheriff and EMS personnel are going to Big Rapids to visit the new morgue and medical examiner there. Griner and others are examining from a cost standpoint whether using this service may be a better alternative then keeping a full time medical examiner on payroll with the county. He will report back at our next council meeting. Another sprinkler system was added to the Maples in the attic and they are hoping this will suffice the requirements and they can get it open in March or April.

Committee assignments were given and there is a new committee to oversee the IT and information systems. Griner believes a cruise ship would be a boost for tourism in Benzie County. Griner was asked about the concept of paying for parking at Point Betsie which was discussed in the past. He stated that no action has been taken on that issue.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – The new unemployment rate for the City went from 5.81% to .34%. This rate covers calendar year 2016 which will help in budgeting for the first part of next year

Superintendent – RV parking is one of the issues being discussed by the DDA and Planning Commission and they are currently looking on Main Street east of Ninth or Tenth St. The City received a \$200,000.00 donation for improvement to Bellows Park. Work will be a collaboration with the watershed group for rain gardens, Crystal Lake Twp Planning Commission and the road commission. Mills would like to pursue crowdfunding to help with city projects such as the Frankfort Lighthouse, community center, signage, beaches, banners, stairways, etc. Mills also mentioned that Heffron Hill may be an issue the City will need to look at in the future as well as Pine Lane.

Chief of Police – Lozowski mentioned that the Kiwanis will no longer be handling the green 911 house number signs. The Boy Scouts will be taking over the 911 signs.

D) Marina Rates - Mills

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to adopt Rate Tier D for transient and Rate 3 for seasonal fees associated with mooring at the Frankfort Municipal Marina for the 2016 season as presented and approved by the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED
Absent: Johnson

PUBLIC INPUT –

None

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED
Absent: Johnson

JoAnn M. Holwerda, Mayor Pro-Tem

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer