

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Present: Holwerda, Jackson, Johnson, Luedtke Absent: Condon
Public – 6

Public Input

Mayor Johnson – Wanted to make a statement on the status of Officer Tim Cavric. Mr. Cavric was given a walking beat back in November as well as other tasks in the office. Mr. Cavric chooses to go outside in the extreme conditions. We currently only have one vehicle and as soon as we get the new car the schedule will be changing. The council is still trying to work out a settlement agreement with Mr. Cavric and as soon as we get a date we will schedule a special meeting. We believed we had everything worked out before but Mr. Cavric keeps making changes.

Request to Appear Before Council

J. Douglas Holmes – 718 Forest Ave. – At the last Planning Commission meeting three issues were brought up which Mr. Holmes wanted to bring to this council. Those were the designation of M-22 from Manistee to Traverse City in which they would be regulating billboard signs, such as that of a vegetable stand. Also, form based zoning which would put too much restrictions on the homeowner as to what they can and can't do to their homes and the need to protect citizens' property rights. Mr. Holmes had information for the council and wanted them to make a resolution regarding these issues. Johnson stated that we will make copies and distribute to council members. Holwerda agreed and stated they would look everything over before making any decisions.

Correspondence

Charter – Compliance report from Charter Communications
Oliver Art Center – Notice of grant award and newsletter

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Jackson to approve regular minutes of 12/17/2013, special meetings of 01/10/2014 as presented.

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

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Jackson to approve prepaid vouchers #44610-44686 in the amount of \$282,840.46. Payroll vouchers #27668-27756 in the amount of \$44,087.16.

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

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Luedtke approving monthly vouchers #44687-44711 & 44713-44733 in the amount of \$65,685.03 as presented.

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

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Holwerda approving voucher #44712 in the amount of \$47,275.00 to Luedtke Engineering for the Emergency Dredging Project

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

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

The personnel committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 to meet with the Chief of Police and go over employee contracts.

b) Finance

No meeting. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 9:00 a.m.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting

d) Recreation Board

No meeting. Will need to schedule a meeting to work on the Recreation Master Plan and community survey for recreational needs.

e) Fire Advisory

Will be scheduling a meeting soon.

f) Planning Commission

Jackson was unable to attend.

g) Airport Authority

No report. The snow plow is working great.

h) Grants

No meeting.

i) BLUA

Meets on the 23rd of this month.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

No meeting. Mills will need to get rates set for the upcoming season. New member being appointed to the Marina Authority.

l) Tree Board

Discussed Tank Hill trees, plans for the tree nursery. Funding is good in the tree fund.

m) Downtown Development Authority

The inaugural meeting was held on January 8, 2014. Officers were voted in as follows: Rick Schmitt - Chair, Cory Bissell – Vice Chair, Amanda Rommell – Secretary, Steve Campbell – Treasurer and Josh Mills as Executive Director. The Rules of Procedure and meeting dates were also set at this meeting. Next meeting February 4th at 7 p.m.

n) Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Griner report that last year on this date the snowfall for the year was 37" this year as of today the snowfall is 121". The millage money is keeping the snowplows on the roads from Sunday through Friday, not on Saturdays. There are 75 miles of primary roads that the County is maintaining. The drivers are trying to get to every road, every day. Griner had a chance to view the new aerial fire truck. He also was invited to attend the Governor's State of the State Address in Lansing. While there he spoke with lawmakers about Benzie County to try and promote more business, industry and tourism.

Departmental Reports

Instead of each department head going over their report Mayor Johnson asked the council if they had any questions regarding any of the department head reports.

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder stated she would let the council know when we decide on a time to interview the assessor candidates.

Superintendent – Mills stated that the crew is working hard on the snow removal. The crew is experiencing over three times more overtime hours than last year.

Chief of Police – Jackson did have some suggestions regarding Lozowski's Field Training Manual and will meet up with him. Lozowski did hear from the dealership on the car and it looks like it could be ready in the next couple weeks.

Old Business

None

New Business

A) Committee and Board Appointments – Mayor Johnson

Personnel & Public Safety	Johnson, Holwerda
Finance	Holwerda, Johnson
Water & Sewer/Solid Waste	Holwerda, Mills
Recreation Board	Condon, Luedtke
Fire Advisory	Jackson, Luedtke
Planning Commission	Jackson, Johnson
Airport Authority	Condon, Holwerda
Grant Committee	Jackson, Mills
BLUA	Jackson, Mills
Brownfield Redev. Auth	Condon, Mills
Marina Authority	Luedtke, Mills
Tree Board	Johnson, Mills
DDA	Johnson, Mills

Non-Council Appointments

Kim Fairchild	Marina Authority	finish Luedtke Term + 2 yr term	expires 03/19/16
Rosann Fuller	Board or Review	finish Conrad Term + 3 yr term	expires 04/15/17
Gaylord Jowett	Zoning Board of Appeals	Re-appointment	expires 08/21/16

Motion by Mayor Johnson (no second required) to appoint council members to the committees as presented and Kim Fairchild to the Marina Authority, Rosann Fuller to the Board of Review and re-appoint Gaylord Jowett to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

B) Auditor Contract Extension - Kidder

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Luedtke to approve the contract extension with Anderson, Tackman and Company, PLC for the next three years.

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

C) Executive Director of the DDA - Mills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Holwerda to appoint Josh Mills as the DDA executive director.

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

D) POMH Auxiliary Special Event - Mills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Johnson to approve special event on June 28, 2014 for the POMH Auxiliary beer and wine festival. The event is conditional on meeting minimum requirements for the Liquor Control Commission and general liability needs that will name the City of Frankfort as additional insured.

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

PUBLIC INPUT –

J. Douglas Holmes – 718 Forest Ave. At the Planning Commission, Holmes stated that the issues about one’s property was a violation of your 5th amendment rights and was told it was the 4th amendment rights. Mr. Holmes wanted to clarify that it indeed was a violation of the 5th amendment rights last sentence which states “nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation”.

Adjournment

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Luedtke to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer