

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**  
412 Main St. - City Hall  
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** - Present: Higman, Holwerda, Johnson, Stransky  
Absent: Haugen

**Request to Appear Before Council**

Mayor Johnson – Wanted to commend all of the members (past and present) on the Planning Commission who work so hard on the Master Plan. He also wanted to acknowledge all the residents of the community who gave their input and ideas to the Planning Commission during meetings and special sessions. Many of these ideas were instituted in the new Master Plan. There will be a public hearing on May 5<sup>th</sup> at City Hall to approve the Master Plan.

**Public Input**

Norma Elias – 104 Park Ave. – Thanked the council for the nice clock she received in appreciation of her time on the City Council. She has it on her mantle at home.

Suz McLaughlin – 670 Crystal Ave. – The Public Hearing that Mayor Johnson mentioned is actually on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. following a Planning Commission open house at the elementary school multi-purpose room. McLaughlin wanted to know since all the shrubs were cleaned out at the launch ramp what will be done with the run off that will go into the bay.

Fred Stransky – Would like to have more discussion regarding options for local businesses and contractors to be included in the bidding process. He thought it would be on the agenda for tonight, but since it is not he would like to see it on the agenda next month. Stransky mentioned that Mills had mentioned some options regarding hiring local contractors and buying locally.

**Correspondence**

- BLUA – Rate increase
- Frankfort Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you
- Michigan Municipal League – Possible reduction in dues
- Frankfort Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Letter to the Tree Board
- Bryan Roth – Would like to discuss an artificial reef to promote fishing and surfing
- Frankfort Elberta Chamber Foundation – Need representative – Mayor Johnson agreed to be the representative from the City Council
- James Campbell – Interest in Planning Commission appointment
- Benzie County Clerk – Nominations to the Benzie County Planning Commission
- Benzie Bus – Thank you for community support



***f) Planning Commission***

The Public Hearing for the Master Plan will be May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

***g) Airport Authority***

Higman report that the Airport Authority meeting went well. The airport manager was unable to attend the meeting. Norma Elias will be the new secretary for the Airport Authority.

***h) Grant***

No report.

***i) BLUA***

Johnson was unable to attend the meeting last Thursday, however he did speak to Kurt Luedtke and asked that he attend the next finance meeting to explain the increase that BLUA is asking for.

***j) Brownfield Redevelopment***

No meeting.

***k) Marina Authority***

No report.

***l) Commissioners Report – Kristin Hollenbeck***

Hollenbeck was unable to attend.

**Departmental Reports**

***Clerk/Treasurer*** – Kidder informed council that she will be off work from May 27<sup>th</sup> and through most of the month of June. She plans to have the budget and the millage rate ready for the meeting to approve them even if she is unable to attend.

Kidder informed council that there was \$300 sent in towards the cost of the OMA/FOIA Seminar by other entities. The bill for the seminar from MML totaled \$692.26. The office has been busy with water/sewer questions since this is the first read of the season after estimations during the winter months. There has also been a lot of water turn-ons since many residents are returning for the spring and summer seasons. Kidder spoke with Cadillac Insurance and it appears that health insurance rates will remain under 10% for next fiscal year. Paul Olson also stated that liability insurance rates should remain about the same as last year and plans on attending the next council meeting.

***Superintendent*** – Mills was unable to attend the meeting due to his father-in-law's funeral. Mayor Johnson read the report Josh enclosed in the council packet.

***Chief of Police*** – The police held a lockdown at the high school on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Everything went well for the most part with only a couple problems that should be easily fixed. The State requires two lockdown drills a year. The next one will be a surprise. Redder's officers did some practice at the range this past month. The new police car has been detailed and is on the road now.

The police department received new radios through a regional grant from Homeland Security. These radios work on three different systems: analog, narrow band and digital which makes them compliant for future use where analog will be phased out and narrow band will be used. After that they will be requirements to go to digital.

Redder and officers are continuing to take classes for certification in field sobriety as well as seminars and classes in other matters such as domestic violence and personal protection orders.

**Old Business**

***None***

**New Business**

***A) Agreement to Collect Summer Taxes TBAISD - Kidder***

Motion by Johnson seconded by Holwerda to approve the Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes between the City of Frankfort and Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District

RC: Yeas: All            Nays: None            Motion            **CARRIED**

***B) Committee Appointments – Mayor Johnson***

Motion by Mayor Johnson (no seconded required) to appoint James Campbell to the Planning Commission replacing Julie Clingman, term to expire 04/09/12 and Danny Bartley to the Planning Commission replacing Kathryn Condon, term to expire 04/09/13.

RC: Yeas: All            Nays: None            Motion            **CARRIED**

***C) Fire & 1st Responder Budgets & Contracts - Mills***

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Higman to approve 2010/2011 Fire & 1st Responders Budget and Contracts.

RC: Yeas: All            Nays: None            Motion            **CARRIED**

***D) CMZ Grant Agreement/Master Plan & Zoning Ordinance Revisions Phase II - Mills***

Motion by Johnson seconded by Higman to authorize City Superintendent Josh Mills to sign the grant agreement between the City of Frankfort and the MDNR for Phase II of the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance revisions.

RC: Yeas: All            Nays: None            Motion            **CARRIED**

***E) Summer Recreation Program - Mills***

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Johnson to increase the one week full day session to \$60 per child (up from \$50 last year) and increase the additional family discount to \$50 per child (up from \$40 last year).

RC: Yeas: All            Nays: None            Motion            **CARRIED**



**CLOSED SESSION**

Returned to open session at 8:49 p.m.

***Adjournment***

Motion by Stransky, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None

Motion **CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

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Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer