

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2013
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

AMENDED

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Present: Condon, Haan, Holwerda, Jackson, Johnson Absent: None

Agenda Amendment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Holwerda to add item g) Fire Millage Request.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

Amy Jones – 401 Michigan Ave. – Ms. Jones and three other women (Phyllis Kullman, her daughter and Carol Stack) stood before the council dressed in t-shirts from the Big Fish store. The t-shirts all displayed derogatory messages and language of an offensive nature to them. They also had a red line placed over the front of the shirts to illustrate the negativity towards the message. Amy Jones asked that the store not display offensive t-shirts in the front window. Jones would like to know if there is anything the City can do.

The Mayor stated that it is really a civil rights/freedom of speech issue. There really is nothing the City can do as far as what is being sold. Dolores Bigelow Schmitt wondered if it can be addressed by ordinance. Mills stated that he may be able to address this issue in a display merchandise ordinance but again it may be a civil rights issue.

Margaret Kibler – 319 Forest Ave. – Stated that one of the t-shirts showed one figure pushing down another figure and wondered if the graphics would be considered as an enticement towards violence.

Bonnie Warren – 590 Corning Ave. – Asked if the City would report back to us on this issue.

Margaret Kibler – 319 Forest Ave. – Had looked over the bills from the attorney and could not believe the amount of money spent on one police officer and wondered when it was going to be resolved. There were numerous charges from the attorney for long distance phone calls, trips to Frankfort and postage. Many were phone calls to the city or the clerk that were lengthy periods of time. Kibler wanted to know who goes over the attorney bills and when is this issue going to be resolved. Kibler would like someone from council to check these bills.

Mayor Johnson stated that the City has done what was supposed to do in order to get a signed settlement. There has been over \$38,000 placed in the MERS account for Officer Cavric for his retirement on the dollar amount he agreed to six months ago. We are waiting for him to get this matter resolved.

Bob Dittrich – 445 Park Ave. – Felt that the 4th of July was a tremendous success with the parade and the fireworks. There were a lot of happy visitors and he stopped and talked to many tourists who loved the area.

Correspondence

Frankfort Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you
Ellie Tiesworth – Letter to the Mayor regarding hosting the Summer Solstice

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve the regular minutes of 06/18/2013 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve prepaid vouchers #43889-43981 in the amount of \$149,442.23. Payroll vouchers #27064-27178 in the amount of \$45,138.08.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Motion by Condon, seconded by Johnson approving monthly vouchers #43982-44017 in the amount of \$60,116.02 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

Council needs to return department head reviews. Will be a special meeting to go over reviews.

b) Finance

Met before the end of June. It was determine that there was enough in the general fund to pay back loans to the Marina and Water funds. Funds have finished the year with positive balances so far and most vendors had sent in their billings by year end. The finance committee also met to look at putting the fire millage on the November ballot.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting

d) Recreation Board

No meeting.

e) Fire Advisory

No meeting.

f) Planning Commission

Met on July 9th and discussed the 4th of July events, the amount of parking on Forest and Leelanau, and the fact that there were just a few parking tickets. Discussed wayfinding signs. The Chamber will be helping with the cost of the signs. Josh Mills and Cory Bissell walked the downtown to promote the DDA and to see if there was an interest in serving on the Authority. There was an interest in another crossing and 10 mph sign at the beach. The marijuana ordinance was also recommended for introduction to the council.

g) Airport Authority

Condon reported that the Airport Authority meeting was a very long meeting. They had the election of officers with Bruce Hardwood - Chair, Les Poggameyer - Vice Chair, Michelle Thompson - Treasurer and Norma Elias – Secretary. There will be a change in the easement for the beacon light with AT&T.

h) Grants

Mills will be applying for a Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Grant to repair the stairs on Nippising. The GLFT grant is a 0% match. Mills and Condon will meet to discuss goals for grants.

i) BLUA

Nothing to report.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

Nothing to report.

k) Marina Authority

No meeting.

l) Tree Board

The Tree Board met on Tuesday. They looked over their finances in the Tank Hill funding to do more work on Tank Hill. They are looking at removing more ash, cherry and beech trees. They are also looking at purchasing some taller tubes to place on the young trees. The Shakespeare Theater group will be performing from July 25th through August 2nd. The Bellows Park tree harvesting will be delayed until fall.

m) Commissioner's Report

County Commissioner Roger Griner was unable to attend but did provide a report for the council in their council packet.

PUBLIC INPUT –

Bonnie Warren – 590 Corning Ave. – Asked if someone would read the proposal for the fire millage.

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Holwerda to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer