

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
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: Condon, Haan, Holwerda, Jackson, Johnson Absent: None

Request to Appear Before Council

Kim McKenzie – was unable to attend to discuss the issue of excessive speed on Park Ave. Mayor Johnson stated that new signs are to be placed on Park Ave.

Public Input

None

Correspondence

Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you for help with the Spring Craft Show

Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you for help with 4th of July

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve the regular minutes of 06/19/2012 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Johnson to approve prepaid vouchers #42529-42635 in the amount of \$136,220.66. Payroll vouchers #25963-26077 in the amount of \$47,644.26.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon approving monthly Vouchers #42636-42665 in the amount of \$86,174.38 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

Personnel had set a council meeting for July 19th but cancelled and rescheduled for August 1st at 11:00 a.m.

b) Finance

Had a meeting on June 27th to clean-up the budget and it looks like a healthy finish for the year end. Sewer fund cash was not as good and money was transferred from a reserve to cash.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No Meeting. Mills will need to set up a meeting with council to go over lift station issues.

d) Recreation Board

No meeting.

e) Fire Advisory

No meeting. Will be scheduling them quarterly.

f) Planning Commission

The main discussion at the meeting was the new laws on fireworks and what falls under the municipal code and what is handled by the police department.

g) Airport Authority

No one from council was able to attend.

h) Grants

Mills gave an update on the EAB grant, launch ramp and is looking at a grant from the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust for a possible new stairway on Nippissing. Looking at a FEMA grant for a heavy rescue rig. Mills resubmitted the tribal grant that was lost in the shuffle last round. There is an aerial truck on an auction site that could be possibly picked up for just over \$4,000.00. Discussion from council that this could be ideal and needed by the department.

Motion by Condon, seconded by Holwerda to approve an amount of up to \$6,500.00 to bid on the auction for an aerial truck based on the verbal approval of the other three entities.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

i) BLUA

Nothing new to report.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

Met and discussed a fuel pricing policy which is on the agenda and also a shoulder season rate for local residents. This rate structure was denied by the Michigan Waterways Commission unless it is offered to all boaters and not just residents.

l) Tree Board

Haan reported that the Tree Board is working on their budget. There is still work to do to finish cleaning up the woods. There will be more wood cutting permits granted to help clear the hill and they will be having SEEDS do some chipping. Watering at the tree farm is set, the water is coming from BLUA. There was a work day on the 14th where trees were cleaned up on Tank Hill and the area around the amphitheater is getting cleaned up to get ready for the Shakespeare in the Woods performances. The board is looking at some pavers which are less expensive than the grates for the trees on Main Street. Looking at replacing trees at the post office with donor trees.

m) Commissioner's Report

The commissioners met today. The recycling truck is up for auction. The 911 system is up and running. The recording system was replaced. The commissioners are working on the budget and contract negotiations. Geno Mayo is off until August and they will advertise for an assistant emergency manager to assist. The delinquent tax revolving fund is now being self funded and is saving the county about \$20,000 in interest. Veterans are now able to get more assistance with their forms and applications for assistance with their needs.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder has all the paperwork ready for the switch from Alwayscare to Delta Dental. The dental insurance will take effect on August 1st.

Kidder conducted the preliminary accuracy test for the tabulator before absentee ballots could be sent out and everything went well. She also assisted Joyfield Twp. with their test and discovered that the ballots were printed with candidates names in the wrong order. They had to have the ballots reprinted and rush ordered back to Joyfield Township. Election workers will be attending a class for election training on July 20th

Summer taxes have been sent out. There is an application for summer tax deferment for those who qualify. If qualified the taxpayer has until February 14th to pay their summer taxes without interest or penalties. The Board of Review met to go over corrections to the tax roll.

Kidder will be on vacation July 23rd through the 27th.

Superintendent – The 4th of July went well. Mills had the porta-potties emptied extra times over the 4th which worked out well. Mills would like to review the ordinance for daily vending or peddling.

Mills is still awaiting the grant agreement from the State of Michigan for the Safe Routes to School. The only grant match involves covering the engineering services expense. Mills would like to have a joint meeting with the school to ensure all parties are on the same page.

The DPW has been busy keeping the streets, parks and beaches nice for all to enjoy. There is still work to do on the pavilion itself as well as the roof repair.

Mills would like some input on what can be done with the gateway arch to keep the repairs down and maintenance minimal. The original arch was made of stone and Mills wondered if perhaps cultured stone may be worth looking into.

Mills stated that the Main Street lift station is experiencing some issues pertaining to the control and transducer. He would like to look into changing the system to a SCADA system instead of upgrading our current systems to the same technology that is very expensive with no ability to have remote monitoring and alarm system.

Mills updated the council on ZBA hearings for 230 Forest Ave. (Fought's) for proposed roof pitch which was recommended for approval and Shreeji - a Frankfort Corporation (Subway) for a sign variance which was denied due to the size. Mills also updated council on the planning commission meeting.

Firefighters responded to 13 calls from dispatch. From January 1st to June 19th there have been 134 MFR runs and 83 fire department runs.

Mills has been looking at the City of Frankfort Vending Policy. The marina and launch ramp both experienced increases in their revenues for the month of June in comparison to last year.

Chief of Police – Redder reported that three cars had to be towed off Michigan Ave. for parking in no parking zones. Redder reported that blocking off Heffron Hill worked great in helping with the traffic flow. He stated that it took about an hour to clear the traffic after the fireworks.

Redder feels that we may want to look at an ordinance for fireworks since the State made changes to the regulations for firework sales and when they are allowed to be set off.

Arrests and complaints are about the same as last years numbers. Chief Redder was notified that Elaine Vanderberg has dismissed her lawsuit against the City. In her criminal case the Appellate Court remanded it back to the 19th Circuit Court and she pled guilty to disorderly person.

Old Business

A) Recreation Center Lease – Mills

The paperwork was returned from the DOI and the State and is now with Joan McKay for review.

B) Discuss Streets and Fire Department Millage

Holwerda thought that forming a committee to get a game plan going to educate and inform the public by scheduling public hearings and involving the press to get the word about why it is needed.

New Business

A) Pumpout Agreement – Deepwater Marina, LLC

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve the attached pump-out agreement between the City of Frankfort and Deepwater Marina, LLC for the use, upon payment fee, the pump-out facility located at the Frankfort Municipal Marina for a 3 yr term.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

B) Municipal Marina Fuel Pricing Policy

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to adopt a municipal marina fuel pricing policy that establishes an automatic mark-up of 30 cents per gallon based on the purchase price and/or market indicator and allow a 10 cent per gallon discount on individuals that have seasonal slips at marinas within Betsie Bay. Transient boaters purchasing fuel in excess of 200 gallons will also be provided a 10 cent per gallon discount if they request it.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

C) Moratorium Renewal – Medical Marijuana

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Haan to adopt Resolution 3-1 renewing the moratorium regarding the establishment of businesses and individuals engaged in the growing and distribution of medical marihuana in the City of Frankfort and will remain in effect 180 days after it becomes effective.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

D) Moratorium Renewal – Renewable & Alternative Energy

Motion by Condon, seconded by Haan to adopt Resolution 3-2 renewing the moratorium regarding the issuance of permits, licenses and site plan approval for all forms of energy creation, collection and conservation within the City of Frankfort and will remain in effect 180 days after it becomes effective.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT –

Pim Dodge – The American Legion has Mondays as the day to assist vets by taking them to and from appointments..

Bonnie Warren – Wanted to know if there was any news on the Cavic decision. Johnson informed her that he spoke with our lawyer today and will be meeting in the near future. She also asked about the Friends of Betsie Bay’s Motion to Reconsider.

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer