

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call –

Present: Condon, Holwerda, Johnson, Luedtke, Walenta Absent: None

Also Present: Department Heads–Kidder and Lozowski

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

Roo Davidson – 402 Forest Ave. – Voiced his concern about the commerce on the beach with the visual impact of the tent and flag. The beach is to relax and not clash with commerce on the beach renting their goods. Davidson spoke with the owners about the tent and flag which they did remove. Davidson wanted to know what the criteria was to allow this type of vending.

Mayor Johnson stated that the kiosk was on a trial basis. Condon mentioned that this kiosk was on the agenda for the last three meetings and was posted. The council heard from no one regarding the kiosk, so if no one speaks up, the council is unaware of these types of issues. Condon was glad Davidson brought these concerns to light as it will help determine if the city wants to continue with it or add more guidelines to the use of a kiosk. Holwerda stated that the city can pull it at any time and this is a trial period. Condon encouraged those who want to voice an opinion to send a letter or e-mail so the city is aware of how the residents feel.

Davidson also commented that there are way too many benches on the beach. Holwerda told Davidson that there are no more benches allowed on the beach and those that want to donate a bench are given other options for placement such as the parks and trail.

Carolyn Thayer – 831 James St. - Read her letter to the council regarding some recent events that happened to local business owners. Thayer wanted to voice her concerns as a active community member about the treatment of a local business – Beachnut Surf Shop and owners Larry and Nancy Bordine.

A young employee of the Beachnut Surf Shop was driving a motorized skateboard towing an empty trailer and hit a young girl crossing the street. The girl was deemed fine by her mother and the EMS personnel who were called to the scene.

A change in the law regarding motorized skateboards went into effect which made their employee's driving of the skateboard against the law thus a warrant was issued on the owners of the business. Both were arrested, at different times, and handcuffed in their store in front of customers and staff and taken to jail.

c) Finance

Not much as far as budget amendments mainly insurance adjustments.

d) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting.

e) Recreation Board

No meeting.

f) Fire Advisory

No meeting.

g) Planning Commission

Holwerda attended the meeting where they were discussing enforcing zoning violations. Holwerda thought the enforcement should not be a duty of the planning commission. That is handled by Josh. Chuck Beale came before the planning commission because he bought some property he would like to develop and wanted to know from the commission what their vision is for that property. Holwerda was embarrassed at the way Beale was treated. The commission said they would like mixed use development.

h) Airport Authority

Coury Carland was elected chair and Paul Luedtke is vice chair. They are returning money to MDOT that was not used and now will be available for the Antrim County Airport. Bruce Harwood and Les Poggemeyer resigned as authority board members, however, Crystal Lake did not accept their resignations and are looking for replacements.

i) Grants

No meeting.

j) BLUA

There may be some smell this summer due to more usage.

k) Marina Authority

No meeting. Hearing very good reviews about the management and staff.

l) Tree Board

No meeting until November.

m) Downtown Development Authority

No report.

n) Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Griner stated that Brooke Popp and Tammy May are the temporary appointees to the airport authority. The county will have their contribution toward the airport manager and will be working as a team to make up the requirements for the airport manager's position. Griner went by Thompsonville Airport and there were six planes.

D) 7th Street Beach Park Improvement Contract – Mills

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Holwerda to award Kerby's Backhoe Service the contract for the 7th Street Beach Park Improvement Project.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT –

Roo Davidson – 402 Forest Ave. - Stated that the minutes were not updated on the website.

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer