

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
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, Holwerda, Johnson, Luedtke, Walenta
Also Present: Department Heads–Kidder, Lozowski

Absent: None

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

George Saylor –Wanted to introduce himself and put a face to the name as he campaigns for 19th Circuit Court Judge. He is an attorney in Manistee County and is a member of the law firm of Gockerman, Wilson, Saylor & Hesslin, P.C. and is the attorney for the City of Manistee.

Correspondence

- Frankfort/Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you for help with “Take a Kid Fishing”
- Frankfort/Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you for help with 4th of July
- Pat Sheafor – Thank you for assistance with trimming brush along roadside on M-115
- Lockhart/Waters Family – Thank you for service
- Sue Sullivan – Thank you for assistance during election
- Liquor Control Commission – Notification of application of liquor license transfer
- Bonnie Warren – Thank you - Gift to the Tree Board
- Norma Elias - Water Line Reimbursement Request
- Ray Miehle – Thank-you

Walenta suggested that the request from Norma Elias be given to the water/sewer committee to review and their recommendations would be brought back to the council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Walenta, seconded by Holwerda to approve regular minutes of 07/15/2014 and special minutes of 07/29/2014 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Walenta to approve prepaid vouchers #45368-45399 and 45401 - 45468 in the amount of \$484,843.09 of which \$391,503.14 was tax disbursements. Payroll vouchers #28243-28371 in the amount of \$56,490.90. Holwerda abstained from Check# 45458 (her check for election pay).

RC: Yeas: All
Abstained: Ck# 45458 Holwerda

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Holwerda approving monthly voucher #45400 in the amount of \$263,525.00 to Luedtke Engineering for the Emergency Dredge Project as presented.

RC: Yeas: Condon, Holwerda, Johnson, Walenta
Abstained: Luedtke

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Holwerda approving monthly vouchers #45469-45529 in the amount of \$256,497.66 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

All personnel contracts are done except for TPOAM. Personnel committee will be meeting with TPOAM on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for contract negotiations. Personnel committee would like all union contracts to expire at the same time.

b) Finance

Budget amendments are on the agenda. Overall the City looks good although there won't be an increase in fund balance due to transfers to MERS an OPEB. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 9th and 9:00 a.m.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting.

d) Recreation Board

Had a Public Hearing for the Recreation Master Plan that was very well attended. It appears that public restrooms are the number one concern of those in attendance and those who filled out the surveys.

e) Fire Advisory

No meeting.

f) Planning Commission

Meeting was covered in Josh Mills report to council.

g) Airport Authority

Condon was unable to attend however did report that they removed Jay Darling from the meeting and as a member at large. The Airport Authority is moving forward with the ALP and will not be extending the runway.

h) Grants

Nothing to report.

i) BLUA

Will be scheduling their audit.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting

k) Marina Authority

No meeting.

l) Tree Board

Nothing to report.

m) Downtown Development Authority

Will be prioritizing a list of wants and needs. Looking at consulting services. Condon stated that the business owners need better communication between themselves to keep informed on what's happening such as vandalisms to businesses.

n) Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Griner congratulated Chief Lozowski on his position and is glad to see the communication between the police and fire departments. Griner passed out some handouts to the council. A flyer on the Benzie Summit that takes place on October 17th, an information sheet on how the County taxes will be disbursed and wages and salaries for elected and appointed officials.

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 – Condon asked about the marijuana petition. Kidder informed her that it would more than likely be on the ballot for this November. Even if there is a charter amendment the law enforcement for possession of marijuana will still be enforced under State law.

Superintendent – Condon sent Mills a link for new fire hydrants.

Chief of Police – Lozowski has hired a new part-time officer who will be working 24 hours a week and most likely cover weekends from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cavric is currently recovering from an off duty injury and is receiving short-term disability insurance. Kidder will invoice Cavric for his employee contribution to his health insurance premium.

Old Business

None

New Business

A) December Meeting Date - Johnson

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Walenta to change the date of the 2014 December regular council meeting from Tuesday, December 16th to Monday, December 15th.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

B) Budget Amendments - Kidder

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Walenta to authorize budget amendments as presented.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

C) Committee Re-assignments – Mayor Johnson

Motion by Johnson, (no second required) to appoint Condon to the Fire Advisory Board replacing Luedtke and Luedtke to the Airport Authority replacing Condon.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

D) Special Liquor License – Taste of Benzie - Condon

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to approve the Resolution that is a request from the Frankfort-Elberta Area Chamber of Commerce for a special license permit for beer and wine for the Taste of Benzie Event held on Saturday, September 6, 2014 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT –

Roger Griner mentioned that the marijuana initiative did come before the County and the county denied their request. So now they are going the cities and villages to get on the ballot.

Norma Elias – 107 Park Ave. – Asked when the water/sewer committee will would meet to address her reimbursement. She was told Mills is on vacation this week and would not be back to the office until next Monday, so it would be after that.

Frank Post – County Emergency Management Coordinator had spoke with Josh Mills to be on the agenda for tonight’s meeting but came in late. Mills is still on vacation and Mr. Post was not placed on the agenda due to miscommunication. Post was allowed to address the council. Post spoke about MEMAC (Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact) which is a mutual aid agreement on a larger level for assistance in natural disasters such as floods, tornados and large forest fires.

Mr. Post passed out handout for the council to look over an asked if MEMAC could be put on the agenda for next month if the City wants to participate in the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This gives the council time to read it over and Post can go over any questions or concerns they have at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Holwerda to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All Nays: None Motion CARRIED

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer