

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 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, Johnson, Luedtke, Walenta                      Absent: Holwerda  
Also Present: Department Heads–Kidder, Lozowski, Mills

**Request to Appear Before Council**

None

**Public Input**

Bill Kennis – Benzie Bus –Wanted to get the word out on the Transportation Summit that will be taking place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m to 1:00 p.m. and will include breakfast and lunch. Kennis invited the council and public to attend and welcomed their feedback. Kennis left additional information regarding the summit.

Karl Sparks – Benzie County Administrator – Invited the council to the Benzie Summit which will be held on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sparks also invited public to a FOIA and OMA (Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act) informational seminar which will be at the government center this Friday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Correspondence**

- Frankfort/Elberta Chamber of Commerce – Thank you
- Bob and Susan King – Thank you Frankfort Police Department
- Karl Sparks – Information on the Benzie Summit
- Benzie Bus – Information on the Transportation Summit

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to approve regular minutes of 08/19/2014 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Absent: Holwerda

Nays: None

Motion

CARRIED

### **Approval of Bills**

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve prepaid vouchers #45530-45549 and 45551 - 45587 in the amount of \$557,893.51 of which \$480,392.02 was tax disbursements. Payroll vouchers #28372-28467 in the amount of \$42,788.08.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta approving monthly voucher #45500 in the amount of \$116,425.00 to Luedtke Engineering for the Emergency Dredge Project as presented.

RC: Yeas: Condon, Johnson, Walenta  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Abstained: Luedtke  
Motion CARRIED

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta approving monthly vouchers #45588-45630 in the amount of \$293,428.61 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***a) Personnel/Public Safety***

Still working on the TPOAM contract.

#### ***b) Finance***

Finance committee met on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The budget amendments are on the agenda. No meeting date yet for October.

#### ***c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste***

There was a meeting scheduled but had to be rescheduled due to an accident with Mills family dog.

#### ***d) Recreation Board***

Had a Public Hearing for the Recreation Master Plan that was very well attended. The draft of the plan is posted on the city's website.

#### ***e) Fire Advisory***

No meeting. Mills will be scheduling a meeting to review budget and discuss mutual aid runs. Mills is planning to meet with Jim Sheets. Glen Arbor and Cedar would like to have mutual aid agreements with the City of Frankfort.

#### ***f) Planning Commission***

There was approval of a site plan for Dinghy's to put an addition in the back. Also for a new steel building on Parkview for Brent Larkin and a garage at Michigan Shores.

***g) Airport Authority***

Luedtke attended the meeting and the authority banned hunting on airport property. The authority is also looking to replace the airport manager.

***h) Grants***

Closing out the Safe Routes to School Grant. The SAW grant through the MDEQ is still available. Mills was looking at getting a grant from GLFT (Great Lakes Fisheries Trust) to fix the stairs on Nippising; however, the GLFT will not be opening up for grant rounds due to the large grant for the TC Boardwalk this year.

***i) BLUA***

Nothing to report.

***j) Brownfield Redevelopment***

Nothing to report.

***k) Marina Authority***

Mills wants to schedule a meeting to get work done to the floating docks this winter and to increase the electric to 50 amp services. Mills may ask the City to consider a loan to get all this done. Condon asked if Walt Poyner was retiring this year. Mills believes Walt will work another year yet before considering it.

***l) Tree Board***

Johnson stated that they will be replacing trees in Cannon Park since they were taken out when the excavating was done to level the park. They will also put in new trees on Forest and Leelanau. The Tree Board will be having a work day on September 26th at the tree nursery.

***m) Downtown Development Authority***

The DDA approved the release of a RPF for consulting firms. This will be grant funded by Rotary Charities.

***n) Commissioner's Report***

Commissioner Griner attended a MAC conference and reported that there was a speaker that discussed invasive species. Asian carp was discussed as well as the new beetle that could do damage to the maple trees. As the Emerald Ash Borer killed off many ash trees, the asian longhorned beetle has the potential to harm maple and other trees. This beetle is not in Michigan yet but has been found in Ohio.

**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*** – No questions

***Superintendent*** – Luedtke asked if there were plans to fix the east end of Main Street. Mills stated that the east end of Main Street, Waverly Place and Maple were scheduled for next year.

**Chief of Police** – Lozowski was asked how the new officer was doing. Lozowski stated that the new officer was fitting in well. Lozowski informed the council that Officer Cavric has clearance to return to work on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Old Business**

**None**

**New Business**

**A) MERS Lower Defined Benefit Plan for POAM new hires - Johnson**

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to approve the Define Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement which will reduce the multiplier for new police hires from a 2.25% multiplier to a 1.5% multiplier.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**B) Budget Amendments - Kidder**

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

RC: Yeas: Condon, Johnson, Walenta  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Abstained: Luedtke  
Motion CARRIED

**C) Art Prize Project - Mills**

Motion by Condon, seconded by Johnson to deny the opportunity associated with the Michigan Stone Lighthouse.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**D) Chamber of Commerce Request – Helicopter Rides**

One of the pilots from the company that would be providing the rides was available to answer questions from the council.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve a heliport request and utilization of the launch ramp parking area for the purpose of providing helicopter rides on October 11, 2014.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda  
Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

***E) Eagle Scout Project – Beach Grass – Mills***

Mitch Kennis, a junior at Frankfort-Elberta High School, is working on his Eagle Scout project and presented it to the council. Mitch would like to enhance the image along Forest Ave from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Sts with Michigan beach grass.

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to approve further collaboration with prospective Eagle Scout Mitch Kennis regarding the Frankfort Beach Grass Beautification Project.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

***F) MI Emergency Management Assistance Compact – Mills***

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta to adopt the Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

***G) Committee Appointment – Mayor Johnson***

Motion by Mayor Johnson, (no second required) to appoint Gaylord Jowett to the Recreation Board to replace Ken Lake for a two year term to expire on October 19, 2016.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**PUBLIC INPUT –**

None

**Adjournment**

Motion by Condon, seconded by Luedtke to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Holwerda

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED