

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
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: Haugen, Holwerda, Johnson, Stransky
Absent: None

Mayor Johnson received a letter from Gaylord Jowett regrettably resigning from the council due to conflict of interest with another board he resides on.

Request to Appear Before Council

Virginia Babion – Asked to see if it would be possible to close Forest and Leelanau Avenues on Halloween night for the safety of the children.

Public Input

Rose Coleman – Spoke as a representative of the Maples asking the public to support the upcoming millage proposals on the November ballot.

Mike Jones – Also spoke on behalf of the Maples asking the voters to vote yes on both proposals.

Suz McLaughlin – Asked about the Master Plan and revised zoning ordinance and would they be available online. McLaughlin also wanted to stress the importance of the Pier Safety Committee and wants to see it continue in the future since she is no longer on the committee and Keith may soon be retiring.

Dennis Haugen – Commented that the Maples runs a successful operation and has seen first hand the quality care given.

Roger Griner – Griner is running for County Commissioner for District 3 which includes Frankfort, Elberta and Gilmore Township. Griner would like to see more green energy in Benzie County and wind energy would be a great alternative. Not only does it benefit the landowner by decreased electric bills, the government benefits from the personnel property tax. Griner also found in speaking with the kite boarders that Frankfort is one of the best places in Lake Michigan to kite board and this time of year is prime time to do it. This may be a resource to promote.

Correspondence

- Charter – Technical upgrades
- Northwest Soaring Club – Letter to the FCCAA
- Northwest Soaring Club – Response to FCCAA special assessment issue.

i) BLUA

Quick meeting, approved bills.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

No report.

l) Commissioners Report – Kristin Hollenbeck

The county is currently working on the budget where they are making many cuts in order to create a balanced budget.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – Reported on our Farmers Market and article in the MML magazine *The Review*. There is a town in the thumb area of the state that started a Farmers Market six years ago with a list of 65 vendors to presently having over 700 vendors on their list. On average their market has anywhere from 150 to 250 vendors each Saturday. Our Farmers Market has averaged 30 vendors for the last five weeks.

The auditors arrived on Monday and plan to be here just over a week. The staff was busy gathering the necessary information and sending it to the auditors in advance and having it available here when they came.

Kidder reported that the launch ramp was still down from last year. The marina actually had a good year, however sales reflects less due to the price of gas last year compared to gas prices this year at a lower rate.

Superintendent – The Gateway Village Apartments will be having an open house on Oct 4, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Betsie Bay Inn. They will be having tours of 2 bedroom & 3 bedroom apartments.

The DPW has been busy moving beach sand, cleaning streets and maintaining the parks as well as maintaining water and sewer issues, repairing streets and tree maintenance throughout the City.

On September 29th the GSA will be here and the committee working with the lighthouse will have a chance to go through the lighthouse. The launch ramp project is near complete. Stransky will accompany Mills when the walk through is done.

The water/sewer project is almost finished. The paving went smooth and the storm water drainage is in place. Mills reported that Bonney Bros. did a great job. Mills stated that there are no more combined sewers other than at the school.

Bond attorney Don Kiem contacted Mills and mentioned that BLUA could refinance their bond and reduce their annual debt retirement by \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year. Mills will check into this and see how much the bond attorney would charge and would the City benefit enough if there was a refinance.

