

Public Input

Bruce Ogilvie – 230 Leelanau Ave. – Congratulated the council members, Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem. There will be a Planning Commission meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. regarding zoning issues. The commission will be defending the new zoning ordinance and master plan. Ogilvie urged council and public to attend.

Correspondence

Michigan Complete Streets Coalition
Chris Olson/County Administrator – seeking input on renewable energy

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve the regular minutes of 10/18/2011 and special meetings of 10/24/2011 and 11/01/2011 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Jackson to approve prepaid vouchers #41680-41724 in the amount of \$142,672.56 of which \$41,788.38 was for taxes collected for distribution and \$64,163.75 for Bond 306 and Bond 307 Principal & interest payments. Payroll Vouchers #25280-25357 in the amount of \$38,458.15 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon approving monthly Vouchers #41712 - 41782 in the amount of \$84,210.01 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

No meeting.

b) Finance

Will need to meet next month.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting.

d) Recreation Board

Did not meet.

e) Fire Advisory

No meeting.

f) Planning Commission

There will be a special meeting tomorrow night. The Planning Commission may need to extend the moratoriums on renewable energy and medical marijuana while they continue to work on these subjects.

g) Airport Authority

The airport had its audit and it is doing well. Finally received approval on the snowplow equipment but will now have to rebid to come within approved amount since there is a \$10,000 difference in cost. The airport is working on lease for use of tower for cell phones with AT&T.

h) Grant

Waiting to hear from the Dow Foundation for a possible donation for the playground equipment at Mineral Springs Park. The committee will also look at applying for a tribal grant. The safe routes to schools program is also in the works.

i) BLUA

Will be meeting this week.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

The Marina Authority will need to meet to discuss the new marina rates from the state and the contract for the marina manager.

l) Tree Board

The Tree Board met today and there was discussion on thinning out the dead and dying trees on Tank Hill. They are getting quotes from timber harvesters on the trees marked on the hill. A forest stewardship plan was also discussed. The Tree Board will be making a presentation to the Rotary Club on November 30th. There will be a public meeting for the trees on Tank Hill on the 21st of November at 6:00 p.m.

m) Commissioner's Report

Stobie stated that the county is looking for a statement of support to look into alternative energy sources. This is not to be for or against any one interest only that the City supports listening to all sides.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder welcomed the newly elected council members and informed them that her door is always open if they have any questions.

The election had a very small turnout with only 205 voters which is 19% of the City's registered voters. This was the first time using the electronic poll book which worked well and could streamline the process and reduce the number of election workers.

Kidder received a draft copy of the audit. After final copy is done Ken Talsma will present it to the council in December. Copies of the audit will be available prior to the presentation in December.

MERS representative Mike Tackett will be meeting with Kidder on December 13th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss a 457 plan that could be an option for the City employees.

Superintendent – The Mineral Springs playground funding is getting closer to its goal. Mills has asked for grants from the GT Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians as well as the Dow Foundation. Mills has also contacted Carter Oosterhouse of HGTV for assistance from his organization Carters Kids.

Mills has been in discussion with Agri-Valley Broadband, Inc. to bring 4G wireless to the City of Frankfort. They would like to utilize our water towers and the City would receive revenues to allow this. Mills will keep the council informed as more information becomes available.

Mills is working with the Planning Commission and the recreation committee to put together a revised capital improvement plan for the City of Frankfort. The plan will be broken down in segments to include streets, water/sewer, parks & rec, marina, launch ramp and community buildings. One large expense that will need to be done soon is painting the high water tower which could cost \$90,000 but may be broken down into a couple annual payments

The DPW is preparing for fall and winter. They are continuing to pick up leaves and starting on Christmas decorations. The street signs are also being replaced.

Mills reported that the fire department went on 104 fire runs from January 1st to October 20, 2011 and 259 MFR runs from January 1st to October 16, 2011. Both Fire and MFR runs were up over last year during the same time period.

Chief of Police – Redder reported that the life rings and stands are off the piers for the winter. There were some life rings and throw bags that have sun rot and will have to be replaced for next year.

Redder attended a training session in Gaylord on the Talon program which is an information sharing system. Homeland Security will assist in the funding of the program through a grant for two years. Redder will report more when information becomes available.

Halloween went well and the 500 light sticks were distributed in a matter of two blocks. Redder noticed more parents out walking with their children and less cars driving up and down the streets.

On November 9th drug detection dogs from Benzie and neighboring counties did a sweep of the high school.

Redder reported that his department qualified at the shooting range. The electronic crash reporting system is now up and running. Now when an insurance company needs a report they go online tap into the State reporting and for \$7.00 they get their report. The City gets \$3.50 for each report that was generated by the Frankfort accident reports.

Old Business

A) Recreation Center Lease - Mills

Nothing new to report.

B) Sewer Rate Increase

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Johnson to increase sewer consumption rate from \$4.45 per 1000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons effective December 1, 2011 and to place a notice in the Benzie County Record Patriot.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

New Business

Motion CARRIED

A) Set Regular Meeting Dates and Time

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Jackson to set the regular meeting date and time as the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

B) Banking Resolution

Motion by Condon, seconded by Jackson to authorize the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem to sign the Banking Resolution by Government Entity on behalf of the City of Frankfort for signing checks and also appropriate signature cards.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

C) Request for Proclamation

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to proclaim November as National Caregivers Month in the City of Frankfort and authorize Mayor to sign proclamation.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

D) Resolution for Safe Routes to Schools

Abonmarche representatives Tony MacGee and Sarah Marsh presented the proposal for the safe routes to school where sidewalks are needed and how to minimize the traffic flow for drop off and pick up for school buses and for students that get picked up by their parents.

Motion by Condon, seconded by Haan to adopt the Safe Routes to Schools Resolution as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT –

Bruce Ogilvie – 230 Leelanau Ave. – Thanked the City for approving the resolution for Safe Routes to Schools. The Planning Commission and the City have worked hard on this and this work being done is a testament to our small community.

Bonnie Warren – 590 Corning Ave. – Reminded those in attendance of the meeting on November 21st for the public regarding the tree harvesting on Tank Hill.

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer