

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2013
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Holwerda at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Present: Condon, Holwerda, Jackson, Luedtke Absent: Johnson
Public – 7

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

Tom Twigg – 682 Lake Street – Twigg is concerned that Officer Cavric is not being allowed to be a police officer. As a taxpayer he pays for police protection services, Officer Cavric is not being allowed to do that.

Kim Fairchild - 416 Corning Ave. – Believes the council is being juvenile about this issue; he thinks the council should let Cavric have the opportunity to be an officer.

Bob Dittrich – 445 Park Ave. – Questioned the council’s decision making process. Dittrich felt that they are wasting money and underutilizing their resources. He feels there is some aggression and hostility regarding Officer Cavric.

pim Dodge – 649 Crystal Ave. – Stated that the council is acting like junior high kids and thinks this is deplorable.

Rick Rineer – Beulah/owns Incoe building – Presented Rob Lozowski with a new gun vault that he donated to the police department.

JoAnn Holwerda – Thanked the public for their input and stated that the City is still negotiating with Officer Cavric. Holwerda mentioned that for many months Cavric was not certified. The council is still waiting to get a signed agreement with Cavric and currently has no comment on Cavric’s work status.

Correspondence

West Michigan Bank and Trust – Thank you
Charter – Pricing and Packaging Changes

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to approve regular minutes of 11/19/2013, special meetings of 12/10/2013 and 12/12/2013 as presented.

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

Approval of Bills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve prepaid vouchers #44528-44567 in the amount of \$56,461.81. Payroll vouchers #27595-27667 in the amount of \$48,543.91.

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

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon approving monthly Vouchers #44568-44609 in the amount of \$60,245.37 as presented.

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

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

Nothing to report.

b) Finance

Budget amendments are on the agenda. The audit was presented and the City is well within the threshold for fund balance to expenditure ratios in the 23% to 25% range which is well above the recommended level which is around 15%. We are halfway through this fiscal year and looking good.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting

d) Recreation Board

Working on the Recreation Master Plan and would like to get a survey out to the community after the first of the year.

e) Fire Advisory

The Fire Department is looking to purchase a ladder truck that is currently in Denver, Colorado. Former Emergency Manager Gene Mayo has looked at it and gave it a thumbs up. It will need some tires but otherwise it is a great deal. If everything checks out, Mills will send Fire Chief Charlie Thompson and Asst. Chief Mark Ketz out to drive it home.

f) Planning Commission

Meeting was cancelled. Bruce Ogilvie did submit a report to the council on what the Planning Commission has been working on.

g) Airport Authority

The authority met today. Condon reported that they are still working on the ALP. There is a rumor on the length of the runway being shortened. They will keep it as is. The authority is still in negotiations with AT&T on the cell tower lease.

h) Grants

Mills stated the FEMA grant for the fire department in the amount of \$220,000 for a mini pumper will be submitted. The SAW grant was successfully submitted. The DDA will meet on January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

i) BLUA

BLUA is again receiving extra revenue from leach-aid.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

Nothing to report.

k) Marina Authority

No meeting. Mills will need to get rates set for the upcoming season. Mills stated the new rate structure may be by slip length instead of boat length for transients.

l) Tree Board

The quarterly newsletter has been released. twelve Crab trees have been planted from the nursery. The Tree City renewal is in process. Discussed removal of ash trees.

m) Commissioner's Report

Accepted a grant with the American Red Cross to teach kids how to swim. Griner is very proud that we have the number one recycling site in the county. There is a study to look at changing the health department from a 2 county to a 10 county operation. This is a six month study through the Robert Wood Foundation. Emergency Management will be utilizing space where the planning department used to be. This area will be able to house central dispatch. EMS has bought 5 new heart monitors and received trade-in value for the old ones. The Gathering Place has served 22,000 meals and has had 30,000 home deliveries. The latest program for seniors will be a dental care program.

Departmental Reports

Instead of each department head going over their report Mayor Pro-tem Holwerda asked the council if they had any questions regarding any of the department head reports.

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder was asked about the assessor position. She stated that we are joining together with Crystal Lake Township and Gilmore Township to look over potential candidates and set up interviews. Marvin Blackford will be staying through at least March.

Superintendent – Mills was asked about street repairs and the money from the road millage. The money from the county road taxes will be paid in March. The County will be using some of their funding to address the watershed flooding on M-115 by Mollineaux Road. Mills is working on an asset management plan for the street system which will have a rating system for each street and will be inputted in Roadsoft software provided by the State.

Chief of Police – Lozowski has assembled a Field Training and Evaluation Program for the department. He is also applying for a grant for new defibrillators and a thermal imager from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Old Business

None

New Business

A) Tribal Grants

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to submit grants to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for \$8,000 for the Fire department for an oximeter and defibrillator and \$20,000 for Park and Recreation to go towards a skate park. The Police Department will be submitting a grant for \$9,733 to acquire defibrillators and thermal imaging camera and support the submittal of grants on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the amount of \$19,000 and the History Center of Traverse City in the amount of \$7,600.

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

B) Budget Amendments - Holwerda

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to approve budget amendments as presented.

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

C) Sheriff Snowmobile Patrol Contribution - Kidder

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Jackson to approve donations of \$300 to help support the Snowmobile Safety Program. Funds will be expended from line 101.299.000.800.000 Other Services and Charges.

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

D) Discuss Chief of Police Options - Holwerda

Holwerda mentioned that the council can look at reviewing past candidates, going out and advertising again or continuing with interim. Holwerda TABLED this agenda item and asked the council to think about options and meet again when the Mayor returns.

E) IPA Resolution Truck/Police Car– Mills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Jackson to adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an IPA associated with the purchase of the 2014 for F-250 Pick-up Truck and 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Utility.

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

PUBLIC INPUT –

Bob Dittrich - 445 Park – Mills reported that they are working on the Recreation Master Plan and then are looking at sending out a survey to the community. The community should be involved in the Master Plan.

Kim Fairchild - 416 Corning Ave. - Asked about serving on the Marina Authority.

Pim Dodge – 649 Crystal Ave. Commented on the Pledge of Allegiance

Adjournment

Motion by Condon, seconded by Luedtke to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

JoAnn Holwerda, Mayor Pro-Tem

Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer