

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2012
412 Main St. - City Hall
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Present: Condon, Holwerda, Jackson, Johnson Absent: Haan

Request to Appear Before Council

None

Public Input

Mike Fiebing – Introduced himself as the new Benzie County Recycling Coordinator. He mentioned some of the upcoming events such as the Christmas tree drop off and dates for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection which are June 8th and August 10th 2013. There are four openings on the Solid Waste Advisory Board and one of those openings was a member from the City of Frankfort. They are working on updating the Solid Waste Plan. Fiebing also presented a copy of the 2011/2012 Annual Recycling Report which Marlene Wood put together.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Condon, seconded by Holwerda to approve the regular minutes of 11/20/2012 as amended and special minutes of 12/04 and 12/05 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Approval of Bills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve prepaid vouchers #43190 - 43239 in the amount of \$138,460.46. Payroll vouchers #26493-26572 in the amount of \$47,167.35.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon approving monthly Vouchers #43240-43272 in the amount of \$28,127.31 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

Committee Reports

a) Personnel/Public Safety

The City is still working out settlement negotiations with Mr. Cavric.

b) Finance

Budget amendments are on the agenda for this evening. The audit presentation was presented at a special meeting and the city increased its fund balance by 22%.

c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste

No meeting

d) Recreation Board

No Meeting

e) Fire Advisory

No Meeting

f) Planning Commission

The site plan for Fusion for an upper level deck was approved. There is a Public Hearing for the proposed DDA scheduled for January 8th at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a meeting for zoning ordinance amendments to follow at 7 p.m. The MSU Planning Study grant will assist in evaluating Cannon Park, Lake Michigan Beach and 7th Street Beach. Complete Streets were discussed and will be requesting an extension with Abonmarche.

g) Airport Authority

No Meeting

h) Grants

Will discuss in Mill's report.

i) BLUA

There has been an increase in the septage fees in Traverse City which may have some septage haulers headed to BLUA for their waste hauling.

Councilwoman Jackson left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

j) Brownfield Redevelopment

No meeting.

k) Marina Authority

The Marina Authority met yesterday and set the new rate structure for council approval. They also recommended to continue the contract with Walt Poynor for Marina Manager with a cost of living raise if the Marina Fund can handle it. They also discussed the water levels in the harbor.

l) Tree Board

The Tree Board worked on the Tree City obligation and growth award under report recommended by Kevin Sayers. Discussed the ongoing management plan for Tank Hill.

m) Commissioner's Report

The County Commission met today and the Maples is still in need of assistance. The staff has been reduced by eight. There is a meeting set for the end of the month to meet with commissioners, the DHS Board and Plante, Moran to do some number crunching. Also discussed at the meeting was the ice rink in Benzonia and the cottage on railroad point. There is discussion to keep the cottage for a public meeting space. The veterans board reported that they are working with Traverse City Veterans organizations to bring the services down to Benzie County since they are getting more people in need of financial assistance.

Departmental Reports

Clerk/Treasurer – Kidder reported that due to the improper sealing of Benzonia Townships ballot bags their requested recount could not be performed. The townships of Joyfield, Inland and Weldon were all recounted and the outcome remained the same in those races in question.

Kidder stated that property taxes have been mailed out. Some of the parcels that were sold or had a name change had not been updated in the tax database so the wrong people were receiving the tax bills. There were 96 parcels affected and new tax notices will go out to the new property owners.

Kidder received information on a Board of Review seminar in January she will be sending out information to the Board of Review members in case they want to attend.

Superintendent – Mills informed the council that the Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan State Waterways Commission are working together assembling information to help better understand the dredging needs in Michigan communities. Mills stated that he and Kurt Luedtke would be attending a meeting in Onkama with other port city communities to share the voice and concerns with Congressmen and Senators to possibly utilize the funds of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Mills has been working with Larry McKay and representatives from Abonmarche to amend their professional services agreement to be in line with the goals and objectives of the City of Frankfort. Mills highlighted all the work the DPW has been performing which included getting the Christmas decorations up on Main Street.

The Main Street Lift Station is still having issues that could be a potential health danger if the sanitary sewer were to overflow. The City needs to look into replacing the antiquated system with a new SCADA system. Mills would like to have a special meeting to discuss the possibility of having a new SCADA system to prevent sewer backup sometime in the near future.

Mills reported on the Planning Commission meeting and the recommendations to change certain zoning ordinances. These ordinance changes will be discussed at a public hearing on January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Mills updated the council on Fire and 1st responder runs. There were 255 MFR runs from January 1st to November 19th and 164 Fire runs from January 1st to November 26th. Josh is still working with Consumers Energy on the charges for caring for downed power lines.

The Marina Authority met to discuss rates and the new rates are on the agenda for this council meeting.

Chief of Police – Redder reported that there was no 911 meeting this month. The portable and mobile radios are now compliant with the narrow banding as required by federal standards. The 800 mhz radios have been dropped off to Tele-rad to program them to State specifications.

Redder reported that complaints were down from last year. On December 8th there was a robbery attempt of someone making a night deposit for a local business. After fighting with the victim the robber did not get the money and fled the scene. Redder wanted to remind the public that there is no parking on the streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. for snow removal purposes.

Old Business

a) Reviewing Goals – Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson wanted the council members to go over the list of goals given to them and report back at the next council meeting what they will work on for this coming year.

New Business

A) Committee Appointment - Kidder

Motion by Mayor Johnson, no second required to appoint Gaylord Jowett to the Zoning Board of Appeals replacing Colleen Sutter, term to expire 10/21/2013.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

B) Resolution Approving Settlement of Gold Coast Tax Tribunal

Motion by Holwerda, supported by Johnson to adopt the Resolution approving settlement of the Gold Coast Tax Tribunal Appeals.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

C) Budget Amendments and Transfer - Holwerda

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve budget amendments as presented and to transfer \$5000.00 from the OPEB reserve to the new Compensated Absences reserve.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Holwerda to have the USDA Bond Reserve reflect \$46,000 and the USDA Repair and Replacement Reserve reflect a balance of \$15,000 with funds coming from USDA Project cash to make the accounts equal.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

D) Marina Rates - Mills

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to adopt Rate Area C for transient slips and seasonal fees Rate Area 3 associated with mooring at the Frankfort Municipal Marina for the 2013 season as presented and approved by the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

E) Tribal Grants/Fire Department, Lighthouse (Recreation) and Police Department - Mills

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to submit grants to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to purchase additional dive equipment for the fire department and funds to serve as match toward the preservation of the Frankfort North Breakwater Light. The Police Department will be submitting a grant to acquire body armor.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT –
None

Adjournment

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED