
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – December 3, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Edward Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Robert Goodspeed, Catherine Zaring, Mark Wittlieff, and Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, City Assessor – Julie Beardslee, and Finance Director – Ed Bradford.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Mayor Kenny stated that additional applications for Boards & Commissions were received since the agenda was printed. Applications were received from Dale Picardat / Airport Authority, Ed Kriskywicz / Board of Review, and T Eftaxiadis / Board of Review alternate member.

No citizen comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - November 19, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - November 11-24, 2013 - \$ 110,740.00
- Cash Balances Report - October 2013
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – December 10, 2013
A discussion will be conducted on the Street Asset Management Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING CITY MANAGER MITCHELL D. DEISCH TO JOIN THE MICHIGAN EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (MERS) NON-UNION DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN.

City Council and City Manager Mitchell D. Deisch (MD) approved a revised employment agreement on September 16, 2013. Included in this employment agreement was a provision that allowed MD to join the MERS non-union defined benefit plan, subject to confirmation by

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MERS. MERS has confirmed that MD is eligible to join the non-union defined benefit plan. A supplemental valuation was prepared and provided to City Council. MD will be 100% responsible for the purchase of all eligible years of service.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve City Manager Mitchell D. Deisch to join the Michigan Employees Retirement System City of Manistee non-union defined benefit plan in accordance to the terms in the City of Manistee / Mitchell D. Deisch employment agreement. It was stated that this will not cost the City any additional money.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Airport Authority, Board of Review, Compensation Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Historic District Commission, Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, Tree Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All appointments by the Mayor are subject to the Council's approval, unless otherwise specified by statute or ordinance. Nominations for Council appointments do not require a second. After a member of Council nominates an individual for appointment, Council shall vote on the nomination. A majority vote in favor of placement of the nominee is required for appointment.

The following applications have been received (*Incumbent):

AIRPORT AUTHORITY. One vacancy, ~~two~~-three-year term ending 11/30/16. This is the City's nomination to the County Airport Authority, Mayoral appointment.

Dale Picardat, 521 Pine Street*

Mayor Kenny appointed Dale Picardat – 521 Pine Street as the City's nomination to the County Airport Authority for a ~~two~~-three-year term ending 11/30/16. Cote supported the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

BOARD OF REVIEW. One *Regular* member three-year term ending 12/31/16, two *Alternate* members terms ending 12/31/14 and 12/31/16, Council appointment. Applicants shall be

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taxpaying electors of the City who are owners of property assessed for taxes in the City and, at the time of their appointment, are neither elected nor appointed officials of the City.

Ed Kriskywicz, 387 River Street
T Eftaxiadis, 817 Cherry St. (alternate)*

Hornkohl nominated T Eftaxiadis – 817 Cherry Street as an *alternate* member to the Board of Review for a three-year term ending 12/31/16, second by Cote.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

Gustad nominated Ed Kriskywicz – 387 River Street as a *regular* member to the Board of Review for a three-year term ending 12/31/16, second by Wittlieff.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

COMPENSATION COMMISSION. One vacancy, five-year term ending 09/30/18, Mayoral appointment.

Donna Korzeniewski, 17 Magill Street*

Mayor Kenny appointed Donna Korzeniewski – 17 Magill Street to the Compensation Commission for a five-year term ending 09/30/18. Goodspeed supported the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. One vacancy for a *Resident* member, unexpired term ending 06/30/15, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. One unexpired term ending 02/28/15, Council appointment.

None received.

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NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. Two unexpired terms ending 03/31/13 and 03/31/15, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

TREE COMMISSION. Three vacancies, three-year terms ending 12/31/16, Mayoral appointment.

Susan Verheek, 417 Second Street*
Pat Sagala, 811 Oak Street*

Mayor Kenny appointed Susan Verheek – 417 Second Street to the Tree Commission for a three-year term ending 12/31/16. Cote supported the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

Mayor Kenny appointed Pat Sagala – 811 Oak Street to the Tree Commission for a three-year term ending 12/31/16. Zaring supported the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. *Alternate* member, one unexpired term ending 05/31/15, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

A REPORT FROM THE 2-1-1 ACTION TEAM AND REPUBLIC SERVICES.

Ms. Evelyn Szpliet reported on the activities of the 2-1-1 Action Team and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.
Republic Services report will be rescheduled.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

June Waterman – 108 Walnut Street informed Council of her dissatisfaction of the trimming of her hedges along the alley that was done by the DPW.

Patrick Kay – 438 Third Street introduced himself as the new Manistee Main Street DDA Director.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Beardslee commented on the difficulty in recruiting Board of Review members and asked City Council for their help, one alternate member is still needed. She also informed Council of a new tax exemption allowing disabled veterans 100% property tax exemption, deadline to apply is next Tuesday, December 10th in order to be heard at the December Board of Review.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Hornkohl wished everyone a good time at the Sleighbell Parade this weekend.

Zaring stated that the Disabled American Veterans are in desperate need of volunteer drivers; also hoped everyone enjoys Sleighbell Weekend.

Wittlieff asked what happened with Mrs. Waterman's hedge. Deisch stated the hedge was encroaching on the alleyway, the disagreement was not on the need of trimming but the amount and how it was done. Gustad asked if some type of prior notice could be given in these situations.

Kenny wished everyone safe travels this weekend and enjoy Sleighbell Weekend.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Zaring. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Michelle Wright MMC / CPFA, MiCPT
City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer