
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – January 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 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, and DPW Director – Jeff Mikula.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - December 17, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - Dec. 23, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014 - \$ 118,513.78
- Cash Balances Report - November 2013
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – January 14, 2014
A discussion will be conducted on Peninsula District Zoning & Use, City Council Strategic Plan, Project Updates; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Downtown Development Authority Membership.
City Council appointed Rachel Estabrook to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as an at large member in October 2013 for a term ending 06/30/17. Since her appointment she has moved her residence to the downtown district. The DDA currently has a vacancy for a resident member and has requested that Council formally change Ms. Estabrook's designation to the resident member position, keeping her term the same. Applications can then be advertised and received for the open at large position.

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, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MEIJER REALTY CO. AND GOOD WILL CO., INC.

A contract between the City of Manistee, Meijer Realty Co. and Good Will Co., Inc. has been negotiated to provide water and sewer utilities to the proposed new store at the corner of M-55 and US-31 in Manistee Township. The contract includes connection fees, establishes utility rates, and a 17 year payment schedule. City Attorney George Saylor and City Utility Attorney Scott Smith have reviewed and approved this contract.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve a Utility Service Contract with Meijer Realty Co. and Good Will Co., Inc.; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract. Brief discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE RAMSDELL GOVERNING AUTHORITY.

Mr. Mike Terry reported on the activities of the Ramsdell Governing Authority and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ross Spencer – 328 Eighth Street commented on the minutes from the December 3, 2013 Council meeting **stating that they were altered and didn't accurately reflect what was voted on.**

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that items to be discussed at the January 14, 2014 work session will include the Strategic Plan and the Peninsula District Zoning & Use.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Hornkohl thanked the Street Department on the wonderful job they have done the last 3-4 days.

Wittlieff thanked everyone involved in the Meijer project.

Gustad also appreciated the work done by the Street Department and for the updates received on the crew scheduling.

Kenny thanked those in attendance this evening, braving the weather.

ADJOURN.

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

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