
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – February 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 4, 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, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton/Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Ed Seng/Seng Dock & Trucking thought he would be on the agenda this evening in reference to the Peninsula Plan; Kenny stated that we were waiting for more information and didn't know if it would be available for this meeting, it will be on the agenda for next week's work session.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 21, 2014 - Regular Meeting
- January 21, 2014 - Special Work Session
- Payroll - Jan. 20 – Feb 02, 2014 - \$ 118,930.67
- Cash Balances Report - December 2013
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 11, 2014
A discussion will be conducted on the Clerk/Treasurer White Paper, Peninsula Plan Update; and such business as may come before the Council. No action is required on this item.
- Consideration of Manistee World of Arts & Crafts; Use of Red Szymarek Park.
The Manistee World of Arts & Crafts is requesting the use of Red Szymarek Park for their 43rd Annual Arts & Crafts Show to be held on July 4-5, 2014. They would like Council approval to use the park starting July 2 through July 5 to allow them time to set up.
- Consideration of Authorizing the Annual Walk for Warmth, FiveCAP, Inc.
FiveCAP, Inc. is requesting permission to hold their 20th Annual Walk for Warmth in the City of Manistee. The Walk for Warmth is a national effort to help raise funds for home heating assistance at the county level due to federal and state budget cuts. The walk is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014 beginning at 10 a.m.
- Consideration of American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Sales.
The American Legion Auxiliary of Manistee is requesting authorization to conduct their annual poppy donation drive throughout Manistee on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 15, 16 & 17, 2014.

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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

A REPORT FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES / ALLIED WASTE.

Mr. Todd Harland reported on the activities of the City's contracted waste hauler and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

PRESENTATION OF SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ED BRADFORD.

Goodspeed left the meeting. Time: 7:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF CLERK / TREASURER WHITE PAPER.

A PowerPoint introduction of the Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Services Whitepaper was presented by the Finance Director and City Clerk. Discussion on the whitepaper will occur next week at the work session.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ed Seng/Seng Dock & Trucking – 200 River Street, stated that he has more information for Council on his project; the AES office and the City Manager are also helping out by looking for other alternatives; asked if the February 11th work session could be called as a special meeting to make a decision; asked Council to re-look at their mission statement where it states they want to 'create local jobs'.

Linda Wright – 481 Fourth Street, is concerned about the ice skating rink not being set up this year; asked if there is a way to promote community awareness, look for alternatives, and advocate for the kids; what can the community members do to help; asked if money that was budgeted for the ice rink is set aside for future use.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Mikula gave an update on the "City-Wide Run Water Notice" that was issued today. Questions were asked how this will impact the budget, the duration of this order, and the impact on spring projects.

Deisch stated that the ice skating rink did not have a dedicated line item, it is labor intensive for the Parks Department; a meeting is scheduled with the Teen Center board on 2/18/14 to start conversations on what could be done for next year – what options or opportunities are there available.

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COUNCILMEMBERS.

Cote complimented the city crews, doing an excellent job with keeping up with the snow; asked if some of the snow banks could be knocked down at the street corners; asked what kind of repercussions for running water are foreseen down at the WWTP.

Wittlieff asked about the sidewalks by the high school, are there any alternatives to clearing the sidewalks other than the sidewalk plow; he will be absent from the work session next week and the following week due to work requirements.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Hornkohl. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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