

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her Honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City of Manistee Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Edward Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Chip Goodspeed, and Catherine Zaring.

ABSENT: Mark Wittlief and Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Deputy Clerk – Mary Bachman, Director of Public Safety – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton.

Citizen Comments on Agenda Related Items.

No citizen comments received.

Consent Agenda

Minutes	-	February 4, 2014	-	Regular Meeting
		February 11, 2014	-	Work Session
Payroll		February 3-16, 2014	-	\$111,510.84

Monthly Bills

Notification Regarding Next Work Session – March 11, 2014.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM MR. ED SENG TO AMEND 2008 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT.

Following their February 11, 2014 work session discussion, Staff requested that City

Council take formal action on Mr. Seng's request. Therefore, this item was placed on a tonight's agenda to take formal action on a request by Mr. Ed Seng to amend the 2008 Development Agreement regarding his property at 200 River Street, Parcel #51-448-735-01.

MOTION by Cote, second by Goodspeed to take action to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate the terms of an Amendment to the January 25, 2008 Development Agreement between the City of Manistee, Seng Land Company, LLC and Seng Dock & Trucking, Inc. allowing industrial and commercial use; including shipping on Parcel #51-448-735-01, subject to final approval of Council. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion failed 2-3.

AYES: Kenny and Cote
NAYS: Hornkohl, Goodspeed, and Zaring

CONSIDERATION OF PEG COMMISSION BYLAW AMENDMENTS.

The PEG Commission took action at their February 10, 2014 meeting to review and approve changes to their bylaws. A copy of the bylaws showing proposed amendments has been attached. Amendments include changing to monthly meetings from bi-monthly meetings.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to take action to approve amendments to the bylaws of the Manistee PEG Commission and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Historic District Commission, Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, Parks & Beautification Commission, Ramsdell Theatre Governing Authority, Tree Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION Two vacancies, one unexpired term ending 02/28/15 and one three-year term ending 02/28/17, applicants must be a City resident; Council appointment.

None received

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Five vacancies, one unexpired term ending 03/31/15, and four two-year terms ending 03/31/16; Mayoral appointment.

Ken Blakey-Shell, 411 Birchwood Drive
Mark Tomaszewski, 106 Tamarack Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Ken Blakey-Shell to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee - a two-year term ending 3/31/16, Cote supported.

With a roll call vote this appointment was passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Kenny appointed Mark Tomaszewski to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee - a two-year term ending 3/31/16, Hornkohl supported.

With a roll call vote this appointment was passed unanimously.

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

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION Two unexpired terms ending 06/30/14 and 06/30/16; Mayoral appointment.

Erin M. Pontiac, 1003 Engelman Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Erin M. Pontiac to the Parks & Beautification Commission – an unexpired term ending 06/30/16, Cote supported.

With a roll call vote this appointment was passed unanimously.

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

RAMSDALL THEATRE GOVERNING AUTHORITY Two unexpired terms ending 06/30/15 and 06/30/16; Mayoral appointment.

None received

TREE COMMISSION One vacancy, three-year term ending 12/31/16; Mayoral

appointment.

None received

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

Thomas R. Smith, 703 Hopkins Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Thomas R. Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate Member, unexpired term ending 05/31/15, Hornkohl supported.

With a roll call vote this appointment was passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chief David Bachman reported on the activities of the Public Safety Department and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Mike Willett, Business owner at 36 East Street; Requested to know what the financial process is going to be for those with water line freeze ups; Kenny stated that each case is different; Deisch stated that information will be brought to the Council for review and will move forward from there.

Bruce Schaub, 343 4th Street; submitted an application for the Tree Commission.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that Mikula has reported 95 Water line freeze ups in the City so far; all of the occupied structures have been cleared and the unoccupied structures will be worked on next; the freeze line is at 78 inches; rain is predicted on Thursday with warmer temperatures which could cause some flooding especially in the French drain areas of the Northside; residents are taking heed to run water; Strategic Plan was given to Council, please review as it will be on the March 4th Agenda.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Cote thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for a job well done.

Hornkohl extended well wishes to Officer Tom Bruce and his family who are dealing with a medical issue.

Kenny asked residents to please continue to run water until further notice.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Hornkohl. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mary Bachman CMC/MMC, LIA
Deputy City Clerk/Payroll & Benefits