
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – May 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, May 6, 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, and Mark Wittlieff (*arrived at 7:03 p.m.*)

ABSENT: Eric Gustad

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – Richard Wilson, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton/Spicer Group

AMEND AGENDA.

MOTION by Zaring, second by Goodspeed to amend the order of the agenda by moving item VIII. b.) Consideration of Proposed MSDDA Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to the first item under New Business. The reason for this change is because the MSDDA budget is included within the City budget and should be approved first.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Councilman Wittlieff arrived at 7:03 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Judy Carl – 159 Quincy Street commented on the budget stating that the economy is not the whole cause of the City's problems, but because of poor decisions; asked Council to take responsibility.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - April 15, 2014 - Regular Meeting
 - April 15, 2014 - Work Session
 - April 22, 2014 - Work Session
 - April 29, 2014 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - April 14-27, 2014 - \$ 111,325.18

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MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to adopt a resolution approving the 2014-2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Manistee. Questions asked about inclusion or removal of a utility trailer and pump, whether these items should be included in the Motor Pool, and the wage increases for employees.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT, LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS SEWER PROJECT.

On November 7, 2012 the Manistee City Council passed a resolution supporting a collaborative multi-governmental concept that would allow for a current force main sewer along US-31 in Manistee Township to be replaced by a gravity sewer by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Federal and State jurisdictional matters threaten to jeopardize or delay this project. A letter of support from City Council has been requested and has been prepared.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Goodspeed to sign a letter of support regarding the proposed sewer upgrades in Manistee Township north of M-55 as proposed by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Brief discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

PRESENTATION OF THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORT BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ED BRADFORD.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Patrick Kay, MSDDA Director, commented on various happenings in the downtown area.

Christa Johnson, chair of the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, presented Council with the Governor's Council Active Community Award that was recently given to the City.

Carol Pasco – 610 Spruce Street stated that Manistee is a wonderful place to live, it is a small city but has lots to offer; she also commended Council for the job they have done.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that dredging is occurring at the marina and a portion of the Riverwalk is detoured; the First Street boat launch is now open also.

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COUNCILMEMBERS.

Hornkohl echoed Ms. Pasco's comments, has heard a lot of good comments on Manistee.

Zaring thanked Rachel Estabrook for organizing trash cleanup on the Riverwalk.

Wittlieff had a couple of safety concerns: 1) River Street - can the speed limit be lowered in downtown area, and 2) deer in town – they are a nuisance to drivers, bikers, and joggers. Deisch will put this on an upcoming work session agenda for discussion.

Kenny thanked Deisch, Bradford, and department directors for all of the time and effort put into the budget.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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