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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – October 7, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, October 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, and Mark Wittlieff.

ABSENT: Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Planning & Zoning Administrator – Denise Blakeslee, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Bonnie Barker – 711 Locust Street commented on the deer population and culling the herd, stated the request is for herd management, not eradication, meat should be donated to food banks.

### CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - September 16, 2014 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - September 15 - 28, 2014 - \$ 120,425.41
- Cash Balances Report - August 2014
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session - **Monday**, October 13, 2014  
A discussion will be conducted on the Recycling Contract, Sewer and Water Bond Projects, Off Premises Signs, Animal Ordinance; and such business as may come before the Council.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

### CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TIGHT LINES FOR TROOPS AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

As part of their annual fishing event the Tight Lines for Troops organization would like to conduct a fundraising raffle. Prior to the State of Michigan issuing a license for a raffle, the City of Manistee would need to recognize the Tight Lines for Troops as a local non-profit organization.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Goodspeed to recognize the Manistee Tight Lines for Troops as a local non-profit organization for the purpose of applying for a Charitable Gaming License through the State

of Michigan. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

The Ramsdell Theatre and Community Arts Center seeks two grants from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA); a project grant in the amount of \$13,560 for its in-house presenting program “At the Ramsdell” and a capital grant in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase an aerial lift for the theatre. The grants require a one to one match which has been included in the 2014-2015 Ramsdell budget.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Wittlieff to approve the submission of two grant applications to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs; and authorize Finance Director Ed Bradford to execute the appropriate documents.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

The City Clerk had previously advertised vacancies on various boards and commissions.

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 application has been received:

**PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.** Two unexpired terms ending 06/30/17, *at least one applicant must be a City resident*, Mayoral appointment.

Jason Sullivan, 174 Lincoln Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Jason Sullivan – 174 Lincoln Street to the Parks & Beautification Commission to an unexpired term ending 06/30/17. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor’s appointment of Jason Sullivan.

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### **A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.**

Ms. Denise Blakeslee reported on the activities of the Planning & Zoning Administrator and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

### **PRESENTATION AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON DEER HERD MANAGEMENT PLAN BY PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID BACHMAN.**

Presentation was given by PSD Bachman and Sgt. Tom Bruce outlining the requirements of the state permit, timeframe, proposed locations, and meat distribution. Discussion followed. Council will take action on this item at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT.**

Comments were received from:

Tom Quinn – 310 Oak Street / requested an explanation of recent increase in water shut off rates.

Bob Grabowski – 341 Fourth Street / asked if there has been a change in companies that provide the yard waste bags; commented on culling the deer – bow hunting vs. firearms.

Vicki Sheffield, MRA Executive Director / thanked Council for their continued support of the MRA and commented on upcoming transition of directors.

Sam Coram – 615 Broad Avenue / commented on cost of landscaping lost to deer, safety problem, hopes Council decides to limit the number of deer.

Lucy Gagstetter – 620 Eighth Street / recently bit by a deer – could happen in Manistee also, destructive, should prohibit people feeding the deer.

### **OFFICIALS AND STAFF.**

Deisch reminded Council that next week's work session will be held on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> not on Tuesday.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Wittlieff received a call regarding an un-plated truck, trash, and a mobile home in the yard at 1001 Kosciusko Street, asked about blight enforcement; also asked about several other unlicensed vehicles in yards; regarding the deer – the City is a city, deer belong in the woods.

Hornkohl stated a family member got hit by a deer coming out of his garage on Tamarack Street.

**ADJOURN.**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Cote. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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