

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – July 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Ilona Haydon on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Ed Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Hank Yonkman, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – Bruce Gockerman, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and Police Chief – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

#10-72 CONSENT AGENDA.

Consent agenda items include:

- Minutes - June 15, 2010 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - June 14 – 20, 2010 - \$ 57,260.38
- June 21 – 27, 2010 - \$ 56,056.49
- Monthly Bills - May 26, 2010 - \$ 185,983.19
- June 7, 2010 - \$ 40,772.42
- June 7, 2010 ACH - \$ 73,628.76
- June 30, 2010 - \$ 301,664.08
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – July 13, 2010
A Council work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. A bus tour of current projects will be undertaken; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Kenny to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-73 CONSIDERATION OF MERS RESOLUTION TO DEFINE A DAY OF WORK OR HOURS PER MONTH FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES.

When the City adopted MERS in 2005, it established via resolution the number of monthly hours permanent part-time employees could work without earning retirement credit at 104. In order to increase scheduling flexibility with these employees, this limit would be increased to 120 hours per month.

MOTION by Mack, second by Yonkman to adopt a resolution Defining a Day of Work or Hours per Month for MERS Retirement Purposes. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-74 CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER.

A request to transfer all rights to renewal escrowed 2009 Class C Licensed Business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 312 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660, Manistee County, from Topo's of Manistee, Inc. to Michigan Commerce Bank, with license to be held in escrow.

MOTION by Mack, second by Hornkohl to approve the transfer of all rights to renewal escrowed 2009 Class C Licensed Business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 312 River Street from Topo's of Manistee, Inc. to Michigan Commerce Bank, with license to be held in escrow.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-75 CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY.

The City of Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee is requesting Council's permission to explore non-motorized transportation use of City property on M-55. In 1991 City Council determined the property should be used for public recreation purposes.

Activities would include walking trails, biking, cross-country and universal accessibility trails. The Committee is working toward obtaining a Gold Promoting Active Communities (PAC) Award and the development of the property would assist in that goal.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to grant permission to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee to explore non-motorized transportation uses for City property on M-55. Deisch commented that they are not looking for funds, just the support of Council. It was also noted that the property still could be sold, this is not giving them the rights to proceed with anything, just allowing them to explore options.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-76 A REPORT FROM THE MUSEUM/HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Steve Harold reported on the activities of the Museum/Historic District and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Ray Fortier reported on the activities of the Planning Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Mark Chmura, Pier Pressure Charters, commented on problems with the easements on his riverfront property. He informed Council that he is rescinding the easements, gave the City two weeks to remove the boardwalk and the drain off of his property, and does not want to see anymore City workers on his property.

Ray Fortier commented on the 1st Street Boat Ramp restrooms being padlocked over the 4th of July weekend. He also commented on using the M-55 property for hiking and skiing trails, a suggestion that was made by him several years ago.

Travis Alden, director of the Main Street DDA, clarified issues regarding the Vogue Theatre and the DDA's proposed purchase of the building.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright informed Council of the upcoming MML Annual Convention, absentee ballots are available, and City Council petitions are also still available.

Deisch showed Council a sample of the fiber mesh that is being used in the current road projects. He also asked Council to meet at 6 p.m. outside of City Hall for next week's Work Session bus tour.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mack requested park maintenance at Rocket Park (bees in the train/car) and Lighthouse Park (metal sticking out of a swing).

Marshall stated Vine Street road construction is nearly done and it looks nice, now he would like High Street taken care of; asked if the County is going to do the overlay from 8th Street up.

Haydon hoped everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July; and said our thoughts and prayers are with Keith Brown and wished him a speedy recovery.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Yonkman. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Michelle Wright CMC/CPFA
City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer