

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – December 21, 2010

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Richard Mack on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Ed Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ABSENT: Colleen Kenny.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, City Assessor – Julie Beardslee, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Acting Fire Chief – Timm Smith, and Police Chief – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

#10-156 CONSENT AGENDA.

Consent agenda items include:

- Minutes - December 7, 2010 - Regular Meeting
- December 14, 2010 - Work Session
- Payroll - December 6-12, 2010 - \$ 52,960.41
- December 13-19, 2010 - \$ 53,604.33
- Cash Balances Report - November 2010
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – January 11, 2011
Discussion will continue on Zoning Ordinance Z11-01; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. Deisch noted that the Zoning Ordinance Z11-01 is the same ordinance Council has been working with, new year – new number.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-157 CONSIDERATION OF A POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES RESOLUTION.

The adoption of the Resolution of Guidelines for Poverty Exemption from Property Tax 2011 Assessed and Taxable Values is required of the Manistee City Council in order for the Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions from property taxation. The homestead, of persons who the Board of Review determine by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u). The guidelines include, but are not limited to, the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve the Resolution of Guidelines for Poverty Exemption from Property Tax for 2011 Assessed and Taxable Value. Beardslee briefly explained the process.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall
NAYS: None

#10-158 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 35.

The Corridor Committee of the Michigan Section of United States Bicycle Route 35 is proposing the designation of a bicycle route along the coast of Lake Michigan and crossing the Upper Peninsula. The route would run approximately 500 miles, from New Buffalo, Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; connecting cities along the way. The proposed route will go through the City of Manistee. A request has been made for a Resolution of Support from the City of Manistee.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Resolution of Support for Bicycle Route 35 through the City of Manistee.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall
NAYS: None

#10-159 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Canvassers, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Historic District Commission, PEG Commission, Tree Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The following applications have been received:

BOARD OF CANVASSERS. One vacancies (1-Republican), four year term ending 12/31/14, Council appointment.

None received.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Two vacancies, three year terms ending 6/30/13, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION. Two vacancies, one term ending 9/30/14 and one term ending 9/30/15, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. One vacancy, unexpired term ending 2/28/12, Council appointment.

None received.

PEG COMMISSION. One vacancy, unexpired term ending 12/31/12, Council appointment.

None received.

TREE COMMISSION. One vacancy, three year term expiring 12/31/13, Mayoral appointment.

Bob Bernatche, 595 Harvard Lane

Mayor Mack appointed Mr. Bob Bernatche, 595 Harvard Lane, to the Tree Commission for a three year term ending 12/31/13. MOTION by Haydon, second by Hornkohl to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. One vacancy, unexpired term ending 5/31/11, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

*Incumbent

#10-160 PRESENTATION BY CYNDY FULLER OF THE ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND OPERATIONAL SERVICE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE REGARDING STRATEGIC PLANNING AND INCORPORATION OF OPERATIONAL SERVICE ASSESSMENT FINDINGS.

#10-161 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET / STRATEGIC PLAN / PUBLIC SAFETY WHITE PAPER CALENDAR.

The 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget / Strategic Plan / Public Safety White Paper Calendar has been drafted as discussed at the December 14, 2010 work session. Deisch reviewed the planned schedule for the upcoming budget.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to adopt the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget / Strategic Plan / Public Safety White Paper Calendar.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-162 A REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager annually prepares a review of calendar year activities. That review provides the Council and the Community an opportunity to step back from day to day activities and take a longer look at what has been accomplished. City Manager Mitchell D. Deisch and Staff have compiled a comprehensive report on the 2010 Highlights for the City of Manistee.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Mary Murton, 315 Fifth Avenue, commented on the public safety director issue and the waste management issue.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated the building official and architect are looking into the Arthur Street boat launch rails; safety devices are not being considered at this time.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Haydon agreed with Ms. Murton's comments on the consolidation of police and fire departments – shouldn't try to micromanage them; commented on the recent fire and thanked Chief Bachman and all who participated; presented a gift to the City – Manistee picture collage and a brief history.

Mack had questions on the recent fire, how things evolved – Bachman and Smith responded; would like to discuss having Mayor office hours at the January work session.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Haydon. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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