
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – August 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Pro Tem James Smith on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Edward Cote, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, and Eric Gustad.

ABSENT: Colleen Kenny.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager – R. Ben Bifoss, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Gary Patulski – 159 Quincy Street commented on the Council meetings next week for selection of a new city manager, hopes the candidates see all of Manistee not just the good parts.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - July 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting
- July 28, 2015 - Special Meeting
- Payroll - July 6 – 19, 2015 - \$ 120,205.32
- Cash Balances Report - June 2015
- Consideration of Adopting Ordinance Z15-08, Keeping of Chickens and Ducks.
Ordinance Z15-08 was drafted in conjunction with the recent amendment to Article 606 Animals. This language would allow chickens (not roosters) and ducks in the R1, R2, and R3 zoning districts. This ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of July 21, 2015 and could be adopted at this time.
- Notification Regarding Upcoming Meetings.
A Special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. to conduct interviews for the position of City Manager. Interviews will begin at 9 a.m. and are open to the public. There will be no regular Council work session on August 11, 2015 as previously scheduled. No action is required on this item.
- Consideration of Authorizing a Tag Day Fundraiser for the Manistee County Humane Society.
The Manistee County Humane Society has requested authorization to conduct their annual tag day fundraiser in the City of Manistee on Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, 2015. This is one of the largest fundraisers of the year for the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter.

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- Consideration of Authorizing Pathway of Hope 5K Fun Run for the Salvation Army.
The Salvation Army has organized a Pathway of Hope 5K Fun Run / Walk for Saturday, August 29, 2015 beginning at 8:15 a.m. The event will start and finish at First Street Beach. Proceeds will be used to support local families in need.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL AND AUTOMATION CONTROL SERVICES WITH TOP LINE ELECTRIC, LLC.

On April 3, 2012 the City of Manistee entered into an agreement with Top Line Electric, LLC to be the City's electrician provider of record. The contract expired June 30, 2014. City staff has negotiated a three-year extension with Top Line Electric, LLC to continue on as a provider of record.

MOTION by Cote, second by Zielinski to enter into a three-year contract for electrical and automation control services with Top Line Electric, LLC and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR MECHANICAL / HVAC AND WATER TESTING SERVICES WITH CUSTOM SHEET METAL AND HEATING, INC.

On August 6, 2013 the City of Manistee entered into an agreement with Custom Sheet Metal & Heating, Inc. to be the City's Mechanical / HVAC provider of record. The contract expired June 30, 2015. City staff has negotiated a three-year extension with Custom Sheet Metal to continue on as a provider of record.

MOTION by Cote, second by Goodspeed to enter into a three-year contract for mechanical / HVAC and water testing services with Custom Sheet Metal & Heating, Inc. and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING SERVICES WITH PERSONAL PLUMBING, INC.

On April 3, 2012 the City of Manistee entered into an agreement with Personal Plumbing, Inc. to be the City's plumbing provider of record. The contract expired June 30, 2014. City staff has negotiated a three-year extension with Personal Plumbing, Inc. to continue on as a provider of record.

MOTION by Cote, second by Goodspeed to enter into a three-year contract for plumbing services with Personal Plumbing, Inc. and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE ENGINEER OF RECORD.

Due to illness, the Utilities Department report will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Mr. Shawn Middleton reported on the activities of the Engineer of Record and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments were received by:

- Gary Patulski/159 Quincy Street - working with an expired plumbing contract; TIP program-when will Quincy Street be addressed; possible property swap by Man Made Lake; dead tree on his property-why so much red tape to have it removed.
- Dennis McKee/Consumers Energy – updated Council on their new meters to be installed in Manistee later this year.
- Representative Ray Franz – legislative update including the road package and the Manistee armory.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Cote stated that former City employee David Johnson passed away and will be missed.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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