
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – October 5, 2015

A special meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager – R. Ben Bifoss, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, and Kathie Grinzinger/MML Lead Search Facilitator.

AMEND AGENDA.

Bifoss asked Council to consider amending the agenda to add item III. New Business a.1) Consideration of a Closed Session, City Manager Search as permitted by the Open Meetings Act, Section MCL 15.268 (f) to review additional resumes received for the position of City Manager.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Cote to amend the agenda to add item III. New Business a.1) Consideration of a Closed Session, City Manager Search.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER.

Michigan Municipal League Lead Search Facilitator Kathie Grinzinger was present to review question technique and process for city manager candidate interviews.

Interview Schedule:

1:00 p.m. David Bachman
2:30 p.m. Ted Andrzejewski
4:00 p.m. Donald Hoyt

CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION, CITY MANAGER SEARCH.

Interim City Manager Bifoss has requested a Closed Session as permitted by the Open Meetings Act, Section MCL 15.268 (f) to consider additional resumes received for the position of City Manager.

MOTION by Smith, second by Goodspeed to adjourn to Closed Session under Section MCL 15.268 (f) of

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the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Time: 5:30 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Smith to return to regular session. Time: 6:04 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO SUCCESSFUL CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE.

Mayor Kenny stated that two new resumes are being considered. Council would like to interview them also if they are available.

MOTION by Smith, second by Goodspeed to defer further conversation on the candidate interviews; and tentatively schedule a special meeting to conduct interviews on Monday, 10/12/15 or Thursday, 10/22/15 as a backup date.

Councilmembers thanked the candidates that came in and ensured them that this is no reflection on their qualifications; they want to make sure they do their due diligence and have the best for the City.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS / OFFICIALS & STAFF / COUNCILMEMBERS.

None received.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Wittlieff, second by Cote. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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