
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – February 2, 2016

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff.

ABSENT: Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 19, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances - December 2015
 - Quarterly Financial Update
 - Quarterly Investment Update
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 9, 2016
A discussion will be conducted on the Council Strategic Plan, Fireworks, Downtown Trees; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Authorizing the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
The Fraternal Order of Eagles is requesting permission to hold their annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 5 p.m. The parade would be staged at the Huntington Bank parking lot and run along Division Street, from First Street to the Eagles Lodge three blocks to the north. This request is subject to the appropriate department approvals.
- Consideration of Manistee World of Arts & Crafts Use of Red Szymarek Park.
The Manistee World of Arts & Crafts is requesting the use of Red Szymarek Park for their 45th Annual Arts & Crafts Show to be held July 2 & 3, 2016. They would like Council approval to use the park starting June 30 through July 1 to allow time for set up. This request is subject to the appropriate department approvals.

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

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With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING STAFF WITH ADDITIONAL DIRECTION ON PROPOSED DEER CULL.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified one parcel of land as the only available location suitable for harvesting deer in the City. USDA representatives estimate 10 to 15 deer could be harvested over a three-day period in good conditions. Staff is requesting additional direction from Council on the continued feasibility of the proposed deer cull.

Considerable discussion followed regarding what direction to give.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Beaton to direct staff to investigate tranquilizing deer and culling them.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-1.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: Kenny

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Beaton to direct staff to also explore other non-lethal methods of removing deer from the City and investigate any different methods that may come up.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Parks Commission, PEG Commission, Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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 applications have been received: (*Incumbent)

BOARD OF REVIEW. One *Regular Member* unexpired term ending 12/31/18, applicants must be a City taxpaying registered voter, Council appointment.

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None received.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION. Two vacancies, terms ending 09/30/17 and 09/30/19, applicants must be registered voters in the city, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

HARBOR COMMISSION. Two vacancies, terms ending 10/31/18, two members can be nonresidents if they own real estate in the city or own a business/profession directly related to commission areas, Council appointment.

None received.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. Two vacancies, terms ending 02/28/19, applicants must be a city resident; Council appointment.

David L. Carlson, 100 Oak Street*

John H. Perschbacher, 420 Third Street*

Goodspeed nominated Mr. David L. Carlson, 100 Oak Street to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 02/28/19.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

Goodspeed also nominated Mr. John H. Perschbacher, 420 Third Street to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 02/28/19.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

PARKS COMMISSION. One vacancy, unexpired term ending 06/30/17, two members can be nonresidents if they own real estate in the city or own a business/profession directly related to commission areas; Mayoral appointment.

None received.

PEG COMMISSION. Three vacancies, terms ending 12/31/18, applicants must be Manistee County residents, Council appointment.

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Barry Lind, 532 Fourth Street*
Mike Tillotson, 86 Hancock Street
Daniel Wrzesinski, 486 First Street

Beaton nominated Mr. Barry Lind, 532 Fourth Street, to the PEG Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff
NAYS: None

Goodspeed nominated Mr. Dan Wrzesinski, 486 First Street, to the PEG Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff
NAYS: None

After a brief discussion, Goodspeed nominated Mr. Mike Tillotson to the PEG Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed, 4-2.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith
NAYS: Kenny, Wittlieff

PLANNING COMMISSION. Two vacancies, unexpired terms ending 10/31/16 and 10/31/17, applicants must be city resident, Mayoral appointment.

Aaron A. Bennett, DO, 520 Fourth Street
Gabriel Walker, 125 Franklin Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Dr. Aaron A. Bennett, 520 Fourth Street, to the Planning Commission for a term ending 10/31/17. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff
NAYS: None

Mayor Kenny appointed Mr. Gabriel Walker, 125 Franklin Street, to the Planning Commission for a term ending 10/31/16. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor's

appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. *Alternate Member*, one vacancy, term ending 05/31/18, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

A REPORT FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES.

Mr. Mark Biolette, municipal services manager, reported on the activities of Republic Services and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright stated that absentee ballots are now available for the upcoming election.

Taylor commented on an e-mail received regarding snow removal from sidewalks, stated that it is only required in the Central Business District; property owners must maintain area between the street and the sidewalk.

Bradford stated the Ramsdell Theatre will be having a concert on February 13th for Valentine's Day, music will be by Miriam Pico.

Mikula attended the Filer Charter Township board meeting and DDA meeting today at which they discussed the sewer agreement; they are in the process of updating an internal agreement and reviewing the City agreement; a special meeting will be held next Wednesday. He also stated the recycling containers will be moved tomorrow from the City Garage to North Glocheski Drive location.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Beaton commented on the letter regarding sidewalks; would like to review that ordinance, felt there were some valid points made; need to keep our sidewalks safe.

Zielinski commented on the sidewalks also; wished former councilmember Hornkohl well on his recovery after a fall.

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Wittlieff thanked Chief Bachman and his crew for their work done in regards to the meth bust and the embezzlement case; keeping our City safe.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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