

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – May 1, 2012

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Sid Scrimger, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Alan Marshall.

ABSENT: Robert Hornkohl

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy City Clerk – Mary Bachman, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, DPW Director – Jack Garber, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Polly Schlaff, 506 Third Street, gave a presentation on “Children and Pesticides Don’t Mix”. Her concerns centered around the City’s herbicide/pesticide treatments on City owned lawns.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - April 17, 2012 - Regular Meeting
 - April 17, 2012 - Budget Work Session
 - April 24, 2012 - Budget Work Session
- Payroll
 - April 2 – 15, 2012 - \$ 99,382.50
 - April 16 - 29, 2012 - \$ 101,983.53
- Cash Balances Report - March 2012
- Notification Regarding a Special Council Meeting and Next Regular Work Session

A Special Council Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7 p.m. to consider the adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. A regular work session will follow and includes a discussion on Art for First Street Roundabout, Use of Marina Bonus Space, and Peninsula Rezoning, project updates; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

The United Veterans Council has requested authorization of their annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 28, 2012. The parade will start at River and Division Streets and will begin forming at 9:30 a.m. The parade will end at the Veterans Memorial on Memorial Drive.

- Consideration of Special Olympics Tag Day
The Special Olympics for Area 24 is requesting authorization to hold a tag day on June 9, 2012. All funds raised locally are spent locally.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF MSDDA BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

The Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approved their amended 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget at their meeting of April 4, 2012 to be presented to City Council for final approval. The board is now requesting that City Council approve the amended budget as presented.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to approve the MSDDA's amended 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget. Discussion followed.

DDA Director Travis Alden made a presentation with a focus on the proposed 2012-13 Budget and responded to questions the Council had.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MSDDA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

The Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors approved their 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget at their meeting of April 4, 2012 to be presented to City Council for final approval. The board is now requesting that City Council approve the budget as presented. City Code of Ordinance No. 282.09 (b) requires the DDA to submit their annual budget to Council by the same date that the City Budget is required by Charter to be approved which is May 15.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to approve the MSDDA's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Housing Commission, and the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee. The following applications have been received:

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – One vacancy, term ending 06/30/13, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION – One vacancy, term ending 09/30/14, Mayoral appointment.

None received.

HOUSING COMMISSION – One vacancy, five year term ending 05/31/17, Mayoral appointment.

Doug Parkes, 724 Harbor Drive*

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – One vacancy, three year term ending 03/31/15, Mayoral appointment.

Christa Johnson, 739 Canfield*

*Incumbent

Mayor Kenny appointed Mr. Doug Parkes – 724 Harbor Drive, to the Housing Commission for a five year term ending 05/31/17. MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to support the Mayor’s appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None

Mayor Kenny appointed Ms. Christa Johnson – 739 Canfield Lake, to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee for a three year term ending 03/31/15. MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to support the Mayor’s appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE MANISTEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

Ms. Laura Heintzelman reported on the activities of the Manistee County Community Foundation and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mayor Kenny requested that DPW Director, Jack Garber address the concerns of Polly Schlaff regarding the chemicals being used on City lawns. Garber stated that he recently held a meeting with Curt Vanderwall, owner of Turf Care, Gary Niesen and Kathie Boyle. Mr. Garber introduced Curt Vanderwall to the Council. Turf Care has been servicing the City of Manistee's lawn care needs for over 15 years. Mr. Vanderwall explained the products he uses to treat lawns and responded to questions the Council had.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ray Fortier – 367 11th Street, voiced concerns over the proposed water/sewer increase; stated that many residents cannot afford the increase.

Josh Swanson – stated that he is in support of Polly Schlaff.

Clayton Madsen – supports Polly Schlaff; would like to see the City take steps towards being a Green City.

Paul Stewart – Lakeshore Motel, thanked the City for looking at the First Street Beach Project and listening to him; met with Jon Rose and Councilman Alan Marshall on site to discuss options; believes more time is needed to discuss what is best for the community as a whole.

Gini Pelton – 329 First Avenue, thanked Council for their support of the MSDDA program; thanked the Manistee County Community Foundation for their work; expressed concerns about the proposed First Street Bath House - would like to see Council consider the concerns of the citizens.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that the Manistee News Advocate reported that Manistee Blacker Airport is moving forward with essential Air Service.

Rose gave a brief presentation on different location options for the First Street Bath House and responded to Council questions. Council and staff discussed options. Council requested that the item be added to a regular part of a meeting; Deisch will add to the May 8th 2012 Work Session for further discussion.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Haydon stated that the Rock for Father Marquette has been placed at Man Made Lake. The dedication is scheduled for May 18th at 1:00 p.m.

Zaring stated that she was appointed the Chairman of the 2012 Sleighbell Committee; she is looking for volunteers.

Mayor Kenny requested a ten minute break at 9:10 p.m.

Council Meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

CONTINUE COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

City Manager, Mitch Deisch stated that the Council requested additional information on two items from the proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Public Safety Director, Dave Bachman provided requested information to the Council regarding the proposed Deputy Fire Chief Position. Finance Director, Ed Bradford provided requested information to the council regarding the Water and Sewer Administration Fee. Discussion followed. Deisch, Bachman and Bradford responded to Council questions.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Haydon, second by Zaring. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Mary Bachman CMC
Deputy City Clerk/Payroll & Benefits