

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – February 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Robert Hornkohl, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Eric Gustad.

ABSENT: 2-Vacancies.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, City Assessor – Julie Beardslee, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, DPW Director – Jack Garber, and Finance Director – Ed Bradford.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 15, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - Jan. 7 – 20, 2013 - \$ 100,908.34
- Jan. 21 – Feb. 3, 2013 - \$ 113,215.69
- Cash Balances - December 2012
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 12, 2013
A discussion will be conducted on the Ramsdell Theatre White Paper, project updates; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Annual Eagles St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
Authorization is being sought by the Manistee Eagles Aerie 1765 to hold a St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The route would be on Division Street from First Street, ending on Lake Street in the Eagle’s parking lot.
- Consideration of Non-Motorized Transportation Committee Annual Events.
The Manistee Non-Motorized Transportation Committee holds two community events each year. In May the Healthy Active Manistee (H.A.M. it Up!) community event is held and in September the Labor Day Bridge Walk is held.

The Non-Motorized Transportation Committee is requesting City Council’s approval and endorsement for the Fifth Annual Healthy Active Manistee (H.A.M. it Up!) event to be held

May 18, 2013 through May 24, 2013. The committee is also requesting approval for their Third Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk to be held on Monday, September 2, 2013.

The routes for both the H.A.M. it Up! 5K run/Walk and the Labor Day Bridge Walk will be finalized and submitted to the Department of Public Safety for approval as the events draw near. These events promote healthy activities for people of all abilities to enjoy.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTING JEFF MIKULA AS CITY UTILITY DIRECTOR.

Pursuant to City Charter 5-5 Appointments, "The Manager with **Council approval** shall appoint and may remove for just cause, a City Finance Director who shall also be the City Treasurer, a Police Chief, Fire Chief and such other officers and heads of departments as may be deemed necessary."

For the past four months Administration has been working with an interview team which consisted of Mayor Kenny, Councilmember Hornkohl, Citizen at Large Alan Marshall, Finance Director Ed Bradford, Community Development Officer Jon Rose, DPW Director Jack Garber and City Manager Mitch Deisch to fill the newly created Utility Director position.

The interview team unanimously supported Mr. Jeff Mikula to be appointed City Utility Director. Based upon this recommendation and the City Manager's personal experiences with Mr. Mikula over the past six years, he is appointing Jeff Mikula as City Utility Director and requests that City Council confirm this appointment.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Gustad to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Mr. Jeff Mikula to the Utility Director position.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SECOND DISTRICT COUNCIL SEAT.

A vacancy exists for the Second District Council seat. The City Clerk has advertised for applicants to fill the unexpired term ending in November 2013. Applicants must meet minimum Charter requirements by being a registered elector in the City of Manistee for not less than two years immediately preceding the filing deadline, must currently be registered in the district being applied for, and be at least 25 years of age as of the filing deadline. The filing deadline was set at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

Mr. Robert Goodspeed was appointed as the Fourth District Councilmember for the unexpired term ending November 2013. A Special Meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at which time the Oath of Office will be administered.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHEDULING A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013.

A special City Council meeting is necessary to swear in the new Second and Fourth District Councilmembers. This special meeting can be scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The work session already scheduled for that date and time will immediately follow the special meeting.

MOTION by Zaring, second by Hornkohl to schedule a special Council meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office for new Councilmembers.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright thanked all of the citizens that expressed interest in the Council positions, not all were qualified, but there was a lot of interest.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Zaring congratulated the new Councilmembers.

Adams also congratulated the new members and encouraged the other applicants to come out and run in November.

Kenny read a proclamation to recognize and encourage awareness to support the end of violence against women, sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Zaring. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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