

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – April 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Ilona Haydon on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Ilona Haydon, Hank Yonkman, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ABSENT: Robert Hornkohl, 1-Vacancy

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, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Fire Chief – Sid Scrimger, Police Chief – Dave Bachman, City Engineer – Jeff Mikula/Abonmarche, and Building Inspector – Mark Niesen.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

#10-36 CONSENT AGENDA.

Consent agenda items include:

- Minutes
 - March 16, 2010 - Regular Meeting
 - March 23, 2010 - Work Session
 - March 30, 2010 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - March 15-21, 2010 - \$ 54,002.06
 - March 22-28, 2010 - \$ 57,855.24
 - March 29-April 4, 2010 - \$ 52,366.64
- Monthly Bills
 - February 26, 2010 - \$ 9,742.25
 - March 12, 2010 - \$ 297,488.46
 - March 17, 2010 - \$ 396,397.57
 - March 24, 2010 - \$ 171,934.90
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – **Monday**, April 12, 2010
A discussion will be conducted on proposed 2010-2011 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of a Resolution, Administrative Professionals Week and Day.
In recognition of the contributions to the workplace provided by Administrative Professionals, a

resolution has been prepared proclaiming the week of April 19, 2010 as Administrative Professionals Week and Wednesday, April 21, 2010 as Administrative Professionals Day in the City of Manistee.

- Consideration of Youth Week and Excellence in Education Proclamation, May 9-15, 2010.
The Manistee County Community Foundation and the Manistee Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 250 jointly sponsor an annual opportunity to applaud our students, their mentors and families for their accomplishments and their commitment to attain excellence in our schools and communities. The Manistee Elks will be hosting a reception on Monday, May 10, 2010 honoring our area's outstanding youth and the Excellence in Education program.

- Consideration of a Proclamation Declaring April 2010 as Parkinson's Awareness Month.
The Manistee County Parkinson's Support Group has requested that the City of Manistee proclaim the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

MOTION by Mack, second by Kenny to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-37 CONSIDERATION OF BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE MARINA BUILDING PROJECT.

The City has made upgrading of the Municipal Marina a priority through the Council strategic planning process. Of the total project, including construction and engineering/design, the City has secured approximately 60% in State grants and DDA assistance. The City will be committing to approximately \$345,854, which will be paid from the Marina Enterprise Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. Bids have been solicited and opened for the Marina Building Project. The low responsible bid has been received from R. T. Cole of Cadillac in the amount of \$713,154.

MOTION by Marshall, second by Kenny to accept the low responsible bid from R. T. Cole of Cadillac, allow the Finance Director to locate the most advantageous financing option, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents following the review and approval of the City Attorney. A brief presentation was given by Mikula and Bradford. Discussion followed regarding the impact this would have on the Capital Improvement Fund and whether both phases should be done at this time. It was suggested to work on the Capital Improvement Fund and bring this back for consideration.

MOTION by Marshall, second by Yonkman to table this item until the April 20, 2010 Council meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#10-38 A REPORT FROM THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

Mr. Clinton McKinven-Copus and Mr. Brandon Jensen reported on the activities of the Housing Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Douglas Dominick, 910 Engelmann Street, offered options to balance the budget without making cuts.

Mike Cederholm, 17083 Fourth Street, Arcadia, MI commented on the elimination of the fire chief and spoke of the education and experience that would be lost.

Shawn Taylor, 240 Tenth Street, commented on the Council trying to balance the budget but still spending money; jobs should be retained first and foremost.

Greg Ferguson, 196 Washington Street, commented on having a biannual Spring trash haul, blight around the City, and having a formal process to report it; and require future bid document plan letting be done via electronic media to reduce paper waste.

Dave Crockett, 260 Third Avenue, said during budget constraints non-essential services should be gotten rid of (i.e. trash haul).

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Scrimger made a presentation on the proposed elimination of the fire chief and having a public safety director.

Garber announced that the City of Manistee received awards from the Michigan Rural Water Association and the Arbor Day Foundation – Tree City USA.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Marshall reminded citizens to turn in their 2010 Census forms.

Haydon stated that Councilmember Hornkohl was not in attendance due to a family emergency. She also thanked everyone for their input this evening.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mack, second by Kenny. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Michelle Wright CMC/CPFA
City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer