

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – January 18, 2011

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Richard Mack on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Ed Cote, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, DPW Director – Jack Garber, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and Acting Fire Chief – Timm Smith.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

#11-06 CONSENT AGENDA.

Consent agenda items include:

- Minutes
 - January 4, 2011 - Regular Meeting
 - January 11, 2011 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - Dec. 27, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011 - \$ 61,804.92
 - January 3 – 9, 2011 - \$ 58,243.83
 - January 10 – 16, 2011 - \$ 63,131.01
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 8, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.
A discussion will be conducted on the Strategic Plan and Public Safety White Paper; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Authorizing the Annual MCC Washington Group Bottle Blitz
The MCC Washington Group annually collects bottles and cans in an effort to offset the cost of the trip to Washington. The group would like to collect bottles and cans in town every Saturday in February according to the attached schedule.
- Consideration of St. Patrick’s Parade, Sponsored by Manistee Eagle’s Aerie 1765
The Manistee Eagles requests to sponsor their annual St. Patrick’s Parade. If approved it will begin on March 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at First and Division Street, North to Lake Street and end at the Eagles Club on Lake Street.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#11-07 CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING 2011 WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS.

The City is under a state mandate to separate its combined sewer system in the Cedar Street sewer district. The City has received approval from the State Revolving Fund and the State Drinking Water Revolving Fund to receive low interest loans for eligible costs related to this project. In order to proceed with the project, the City must authorize the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds to finance the eligible improvements.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of 2011 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. Brief discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#11-08 CONSIDERATION OF REVISING BEACH CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR FIFTH AVENUE, TENNIS COURTS.

At the August 26, 2010 Parks and Beautification Commission meeting it was discussed and unanimously approved that the tennis courts at Fifth Avenue Beach should remain and be brought up to standards. The Commission believes the courts to be in good shape and with new fencing and backboard, would make a court that residents and tourists will enjoy.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to revise the Beach Conceptual Plans as recommended by the Parks and Beautification Commission to retain and upgrade the tennis court area at Fifth Avenue Beach. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 6-1.

AYES: Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: Kenny

MOTION by Haydon, second by Cote *not to revise* the Beach Conceptual Plan, but support the Parks and Beautification Commission recommendation to retain and possibly upgrade the tennis courts and backboards at Fifth Avenue Beach.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#11-09 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS.

The City of Manistee Planning Commission made amendments to their bylaws at their meeting of January 6, 2011. The proposed bylaws, as adopted by the Planning Commission are referred to Council for their consideration.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to adopt bylaws for the City of Manistee Planning Commission and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Mack, Marshall

NAYS: None

#11-10 A REPORT FROM THE MANISTEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND THE BLACKER AIRPORT.

Mr. Dick Strevey reported on the activities of Manistee County Transportation and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Barry Lind reported on the activities of the Manistee Blacker Airport and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch and Bradford gave a demonstration of the new Facebook page for the City of Manistee which will help get information out to a lot of individuals/citizens. It can be seen at www.facebook.com/CityofManistee. Deisch also reminded Council of the 1/25/2011 Budget Environment Forum at 7 p.m.; and boat launch data requested was received today and will be forwarded to Council.

Garber reminded Council and the public that there will not be a spring trash haul this year in the City of Manistee.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mack stated that the City of Alpena has contacted us to do Mayor's Exchange with them this year, gave Council a brief update on their departmental budget, and reminded them that this was originally removed from their budget last spring and was to be revisited after we were six months into the new budget. Consensus was to move forward with this.

Mack also announced a benefit dinner being held for Yvonne Szpliet, wife of employee Jeff Szpliet, to help

defray costs due to her illness.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Cote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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