

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – August 3, 2011

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Richard Mack on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Richard Mack, and Alan Marshall.

ABSENT: Colleen Kenny and Ed Cote.

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 Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

#11-97 CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - July 19, 2011 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - July 18 - 24, 2011 - \$ 57,054.41
- July 25 - 31, 2011 - \$ 63,441.44
- Monthly Bills - July 11, 2011 - \$ 55,547.83
- July 12, 2011 - \$ 202,026.67
- July 14, 2011 - \$ 78,287.48
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – August 9, 2011
A discussion will be conducted on MCC Safe Routes to School, Blight and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Haydon to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

#11-98 CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A VERMEER BRUSH CHIPPER WITH WINCH.

The DPW currently has a 2004 chipper that is used twice weekly during the spring, summer and fall. In the 2011-2012 FY Budget the Motor Pool included \$35,000 to replace the chipper that is at the end of its useful life. Council is being asked to consider the purchase of a brush chipper with winch from

Vermeer for a purchase price of \$50,000; less trade-in of \$23,000 for the 2004 chipper. Cost for the new chipper with winch would be \$27,000.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Hornkohl to approve the purchase of a Vermeer Brush Chipper with Winch for a total amount of \$27,000 (\$50,000 less trade-in of \$23,000). Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

#11-99 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR FISH CLEANING STATION SERVICES.

City Manager Mitch Deisch has negotiated an agreement with Huron Tackle Company to undertake the removal of fish offal from the First Street Beach Fish Cleaning Station. The agreement includes cleaning of the station and the placement of a refrigerated storage unit at the site. The agreement under consideration is for three years during the months of May through September. City Attorney George Saylor has reviewed and approved the agreement.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve a three-year agreement with Huron Tackle Company to remove all fish wastes and clean the First Street Beach Fish Cleaning Station between May and September; and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

After discussion, roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

#11-100 CONSIDERATION OF A CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

Following the completion of the City Manager's annual evaluation, Council could consider a revised employment agreement with Mitch Deisch. The attached employment agreement includes a 2% wage increase, the first increase since July 2008. There are no additional changes to the agreement.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to approve an agreement with City Manager Mitchell D. Deisch; adjusting the annual salary from \$88,354 to \$90,121 and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. It was noted that this salary increase would be retroactive to July 1, 2011.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

#11-101 A REPORT FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT / WELL FIELDS.

Mr. Bruce Banks reported on the activities of the Water Department and Well Fields and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Representative Ray Frantz gave an update of the accomplishments made in Lansing in his first six months in office.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright thanked all those that came out to vote at yesterday's election. City voter turnout was approximately 22.5%.

Rose stated that the First Street construction began on Tuesday; the street is closed from the Armory going west; access to the beach, boat launch, and hotel will be open but the route may change; and more signage describing the detour will be coming.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mack held his 3rd Mayor's Office Hours last week, larger turnout was received; merchant survey received previously on the downtown area was presented to the DDA, they have established an ad hoc committee and would like a Councilmember to work with the committee (Zaring volunteered) and possibly a member of staff, their goal is to make things easier for businesses; and he will be attending the Michigan Association of Mayors conference in Port Huron next week.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Marshall. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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