

AD HOC STREET COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014

The Ad Hoc Street Committee met on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Bob Hornkohl, Lynda Beaton, Gerald Haw, Joseph Maxey, Jeremy Nowak, Roger Zielinski, Mitch Deisch, Ed Bradford, Jeff Mikula, Shawn Middleton

ABSENT: Ed Cote

PURPOSE: City Council directed staff to advertise for applications to this new committee and appointments were made at the July 1, 2014 meeting. The purpose of this new committee will be to discuss upgrading the City street network. The committee will consist of members of City Council, City Staff, and 3-5 ad hoc committee members (must be a registered voter or property owner in the City of Manistee).

City Manager Mitch Deisch started the meeting by way of introductions of the Ad Hoc Committee members and clarified why the committee was created. Staff made a presentation to the committee of the previous presentation made to City Council at the June 6, 2014 meeting. Numerous questions were asked and discussed by the committee. Several concepts were discussed at length, which included:

- Staff and Council perspective that unless significant organizational changes are made by the city (elimination of services and/or departments) that finding the additional revenue in the existing city budget would be extremely difficult with significant impacts to services received by residents.
- Council directed staff to prepare ballot proposal language to place before the City electorate to generate additional revenue to address the city street network.
- Discussed that the current estimates to upgrade the entire city street network would cost approximately \$16,000,000.
- Whatever revenue is generated to initially upgrade the streets, the program needs to address long term maintenance for the entire street network.
- Discussed the need to look for alternatives outside of just requesting citizens to approve a Headlee override to generate funds. Look at a hybrid approach for generating revenue that includes some millage increase, general fund dollars and oil and gas revenue.
- Discussed the position of some members of the committee that we should look for existing revenue in the current city budget before we look at asking the public for a Headlee override.

Staff presented information on current research being completed regarding the possibility of the Oil and Gas Fund contributing funds to assist with upgrading the streets. Staff discussed the draft ballot proposal.

CONCLUSION – City Staff will be creating some additional scenarios regarding funding and how this will impact the overall street upgrade program. In addition, it was determined that it was not practical to place the Headlee override ballot proposal language on the November 2014 election. More time for discussion and looking at options by the committee needs to occur. City Manager Mitch Deisch will look at future election date options.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M D Deisch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Mitchell D. Deisch, City Manager

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