
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – July 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, and Mark Wittlieff

ABSENT: Eric Gustad (resigned)

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - July 5, 2016 - Regular Meeting
 - July 12, 2016 - Work Session

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll
 - June 6-19, 2016 - \$ 119,324.88
 - June 20-July 3, 2016 - \$ 146,360.10
 - July 4-17, 2016 - \$ 126,754.29
 - Invoices
 - June 10, 2016 - \$ 170,181.33
 - June 24, 2016 - \$ 490,713.69
 - June 30, 2016 - \$ 49,289.89

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – August 9, 2016
Presentation on MERS by Tony Radjenovich, a discussion on Fireworks Ordinance, and such business as may come before the Council.

- Consideration of Annual Hops & Props Event.
The Hops and Props Committee is requesting permission to use River Street, Marina property, etc. to hold the annual Hops and Props event on Friday and Saturday, September 16 & 17, 2016. This request includes street closures (River & Water Streets), City fencing/barricades, trash cans, picnic tables, and event signage. Set up will begin on Friday, with the main event held on Saturday.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AN INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AGREEMENT.

The Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network has received grant funding through the Michigan Invasive Species grant program and the U.S. Forest Service to manage large “source populations” of invasive species. One of the group’s goals is to manage the population of invasive Phragmites on Manistee Lake and Japanese Knotweed on Veterans Oak Grove Drive.

The agreement would authorize the Grand Traverse Conservation District and its contractors to visit and be on the referenced properties for the purpose of removing and/or chemically treating invasive plants. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement under consideration.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Wittlieff to enter into an agreement with the Grand Traverse Conservation District for invasive plant control around Manistee Lake and on Veterans Oak Grove Drive in the City of Manistee. A presentation was given by representatives of the organization. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM PARKS COMMISSION AND THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Ed Tegler reported on the activities of the Parks Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Jeff Mikula and Staff reported on the activities of the Utilities Department and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments received by:

- Gary Patulski – 159 Quincy Street / phone numbers on Facebook pages and ability to delete comments; Joslin Cove not on this agenda; overflow #18 discussed in the water and sewer presentation.
- Jen Teller – 712 Harbor Drive / requested tree on City property to be trimmed.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Mikula gave an update on the shade structures at Fifth Avenue beach; phragmites at Man Made Lake were treated last year, money in current budget to re-treat them as needed.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Beaton asked if there were any concerns regarding Bradford running for Onekama Township treasurer.

Zielinski asked for an update on Filer and Manistee Township agreements.

Smith thanked Dept. of Public Safety for defusing the situation on Eighth Street today.

Wittlieff commented on Mayor Pro Tem Gustad's resignation and thanked him for his service; stated the downtown is very viable, busy early in the morning and late at night; asked if there has been a decision received on Twelfth Street.

Kenny stated that Gustad sold his home and has moved outside of the City, he has enjoyed working with the City and will continue to be involved when he can. It was asked if a new mayor pro tem would be elected and if a new councilmember should be appointed.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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