
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – October 4, 2016

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, October 4, 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, Mark Wittlieff, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Carol Pasco – 610 Spruce Street commented on TJ’s Pub outside alcohol sales, delighted that they are putting tables outside.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - September 20, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances August 2016
 - Revenue & Expense August 2016
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – October 11, 2016
A discussion will be conducted on the possible redevelopment of River Street property; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Board of Director Candidates for the MML Liability and Property Pool
(removed)

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Kenny requested that Item c.) Consideration of Board of Director Candidates for the MML Liability and Property Pool be removed from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item c.).

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF TJ’S PUB OUTSIDE ALCOHOL SALES.

The owner of TJ’s Pub has been using the sidewalk along the Maple Street side of the building for the summer. She now would like to include the sale of alcohol in the same space. Council support is

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requested for the application. A hand-drawn map of the location was included in the packet.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Goodspeed to authorize TJ's Pub to use approximately 50 feet of sidewalk space adjacent to the Maple Street side of the building to serve food and alcohol to customers. Lengthy discussion followed, including a request from some Councilmembers to create guidelines to make this available and fair to other businesses.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE HOUSING COMMISSION AND THE HARBOR COMMISSION.

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

Mr. Alex Zaccanelli reported on the activities of the Harbor Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES FOR THE MML LIABILITY AND PROPERTY POOL.

Two members of the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors are seeking re-election. As a member of the Liability and Property Pool the City is asked to vote on the two incumbents or offer write-in candidates.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Zielinski to approve voting for the two incumbent candidates.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright stated that absentee ballots are available for the upcoming November election.

Bachman informed Council that the Fire Department has hit a milestone of collecting \$1 million for ALS services; last fireman has finished paramedic classes, all are now licensed.

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COUNCILMEMBERS.

Zielinski requested that a discussion on outdoor cafes be placed on a work session agenda.

Pontiac gave a reminder of the Paint the Town Pink event being held on Thursday.

Kenny stated the Local Revenue Sharing Board will be meeting next week to discuss grants that will be issued in December; she will no longer be on that committee after the election; appointed Goodspeed to take her place on that board.

ADJOURN.

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

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