

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – April 2, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Edward Cote, Robert Goodspeed, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Eric Gustad.

ABSENT: Robert Hornkohl.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, Utilities Director – Jeff Mikula, and City Engineer – Corey Kandow /Abonmarche.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - March 19, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - March 18-31, 2013 - \$ 126,046.42
- Cash Balances Report - February 2013
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – **Monday**, April 8, 2013 at 7 p.m.
A discussion will be conducted on the 2013-2014 Budget Recommendations, 2013 Project Updates; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of a Resolution, Administrative Professionals Week and Day.
In recognition of the contributions to the workplace provided by Administrative Professionals, a resolution has been prepared proclaiming the week of April 21-27, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Week and Wednesday, April 24, 2013 as Administrative Professionals Day in the City of Manistee.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMPENSATION COMMISSION.

Compensation for the Mayor and members of City Council is established based on procedures in the Charter, State Statute and local ordinance. A fundamental point in these requirements is that the Mayor and Council may not approve changes in their own levels of compensation. Any change in compensation must take effect after the terms of all current Council members have expired.

Under established procedures, the City Council may not develop compensation rates even though the rates do not become effective during the term of the Council. Rates are developed by an independent Compensation Commission which only meets every other year.

Procedurally, the Council may accept or reject the Compensation Commission's recommendations, they may not be modified. If the Council rejects the recommendations, they are returned to the Compensation Commission for further consideration. If the recommendations are accepted, they will be implemented at the beginning of the year 2015, after all current Council terms have expired.

The current salaries for the Mayor and City Council are \$4,774 and \$3,713 respectively. These rates have been in effect since January 2009. The Compensation Commission is recommending that these amounts be increased to \$5,000 for the Mayor and \$3,875 for Council.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Zaring to accept the Compensation Commission's recommendation to increase the salary for the Mayor and City Council effective January 1, 2015. City Attorney Saylor said according to the statute, the real question should be does the City Council reject the Compensation Commission recommendation. If a majority of the Council (5) *does not* vote to reject the recommendation, the increase goes into effect. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 3-3.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Goodspeed

NAYS: Zaring, Adams, Gustad

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION, ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT SERVICE BY THE MANISTEE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A part of the transition to Advanced Life Support service by the Fire Department requires a resolution of support by the Manistee City Council.

MOTION by Zaring, second by Adams to approve a resolution adopting Advanced Life Support Transport as a level of service provided by the Manistee City Fire Department. Bachman spoke briefly about the transition.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY PROSECUTOR AND THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

Mr. Ford Stone reported on the activities of the County Prosecutor’s Office and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 BUDGET.

Administration has prepared the proposed 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. City Manager Mitch Deisch and Finance Director Ed Bradford gave a brief introduction of the budget recommendations to City Council and the Community.

Various budget work sessions have been established: a regular work session on Monday, April 8; a work session on Tuesday, April 16; and optional work sessions on Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The public hearing to review these budget recommendations and receive public input on them has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Budget adoption is anticipated at the regular meeting of May 7, 2013.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that several construction projects have started, including the Maple Street drainage project and the fish cleaning station demolition.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Zaring gave a personal thank you to Chief Bachman and the Public Safety Department.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Zaring. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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