

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – April 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, April 16, 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 Hornkohl, Robert Goodspeed, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Eric Gustad.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013-2014 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The City fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. Under Section 7-4 of the Charter, a public hearing is required on the budget which must be adopted not later than May 15 of each year.

A work session was held on Monday, April 8 with an additional session scheduled for this evening. Optional work sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 30. The Budget Calendar anticipates adoption of the budget at the May 7, 2013 meeting.

No comments received. Public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - April 2, 2013
 - April 8, 2013
 - Regular Meeting
 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - April 1 - 14, 2013
 - \$ 104,223.21
- Monthly Bills
 - March 6, 2013
 - March 13, 2013
 - \$ 438,462.86
 - \$ 96,690.23
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session –April 23 and April 30, 2013
Optional Council work sessions have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 30, 2013 to continue discussions on the 2013-2014 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.

- **Consideration of National Day of Prayer Gathering at City Hall.**
The National Day of Prayer Committee is requesting permission to gather on the steps of City Hall on Thursday, May 2, 2013. The ceremony, beginning at 12 noon, consists of several people from around our community praying for our elected officials, our community, law enforcement, the clergy, and the students and youth of our area. The program lasts for approximately one hour.
- **Consideration of a Walk for Children with Apraxia.**
Apraxia is a speech disorder in which a person has trouble saying what he or she wants to say correctly and consistently. It is not due to weakness or paralysis of the speech muscles (the muscles of the face, tongue, and lips). The severity of apraxia of speech can range from mild to severe. May 14, 2013 is the first ever Apraxia Awareness Day.

In an attempt to raise awareness in our community a Walk for Apraxia is being planned for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. on River Street. Any proceeds from the walk would support CASANA, the only national 501 (c) 3 nonprofit public charity exclusively dedicated to children with Apraxia of Speech and their families. CASANA's mission is to strengthen the support systems in the lives of children with Apraxia so that each child is afforded their best opportunity to develop to their full potential.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC.

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC has cellular equipment located in the base of the City's industrial park water tank. They have requested a lease amendment to remove this equipment and replace it with new equipment outside of the tank. The Water Department has reviewed and approved the proposed installation. The annual rent will be increased by \$2,400 per year to a total of \$32,400. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the lease amendment.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve a lease amendment with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE ENGINEER OF RECORD AND THE CITY ASSESSOR.

Mr. Corey Kadow / Abonmarche reported on the activities of the Engineer of Record and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Ms. Julie Beardslee reported on the activities of the City Assessor's Office and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

PRESENTATION OF THE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORT BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ED BRADFORD.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

David Story – 1102 Cherry Road has operated the concessions at First Street beach for several years and would like to continue doing so; has purchased a new 2012 trailer; and has received approval from the health department.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None received.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Kenny stated that our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to the citizens of Boston in regards to the recent tragic events.

ADJOURN TO BUDGET WORK SESSION.

A Council work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan has been scheduled for immediately following the regular meeting.

MOTION to adjourn to the budget work session was made by Zaring, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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