

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – July 2, 2013

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, and Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Ed Tegler – 522 Fifth Avenue asked if there were any changes or updates to the agenda since it was posted.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - June 18, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - Jun. 10 – Jun. 23, 2013 - \$ 116,083.35
- Cash Balances - May 2013

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 AN ICE CREAM VENDOR.

A request has been received from Robert Elkins to vendor ice cream from a cart at locations within the City of Manistee.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to authorize Robert Elkins to sell ice cream from an ice cream cart at various locations throughout the City pursuant to some restrictions. Discussion followed regarding the proposed locations.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A BANNER PERMIT, MANISTEE WORLD OF ARTS & CRAFTS.

The Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting City Council's permission to place a banner for the Manistee World of Arts & Crafts show by the Chamber building from June 30-July 7, 2013. According to Council Policy CP-30 Banner Policy, banners are not permitted in locations other than the River Street Arch without specific authorization of the City Council.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Goodspeed to authorize the banner for the Manistee World of Arts & Crafts show to be placed by the Chamber of Commerce.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

A REPORT FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE MUSEUM / HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Mr. Mark Fedder reported on the activities of the Museum / Historic District and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Roger Yoder reported on the activities of the Planning Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING NEXT WORK SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING.

A Council work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7 p.m. A discussion will be conducted on the Certified Local Government program and Project Updates; and such business as may come before the Council.

A special meeting has been called by the Mayor for Tuesday, July 9, 2013 immediately following the work session at approximately 7:30 p.m. Council will adjourn into Executive Session to work on the City Manager's annual evaluation. No action necessary.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ed Tegler – 522 Fifth Avenue stated that at the last meeting additional applications were received for the boards and commissions vacancies that were not printed on the agenda; if he had known of these names at the beginning of the meeting, he would have spoken up during the "*Citizen Comments on Agenda Related Items*" regarding one of the applicants; he suggested having a disclaimer at the beginning of the meeting for any late applications received.

Tom Quinn – 310 Oak Street encouraged City Council to adopt and enact a noise ordinance establishing

a quiet time for fireworks at their earliest opportunity.

Bill Kracht – 403 First Street supported Mr. Quinn’s previous comments; is disappointed that Council did not adopt the ordinance at the last meeting and that it was not presented on tonight’s agenda; encouraged City Council to do something about this and respect everyone’s rights.

Fred Walter – 315 St. Mary’s Parkway commented on signage for directions to the lighthouse; suggested moving the signage closer to the Monroe and Washington Street intersection.

Ray Franz - State Representative stated that they are working on the fireworks bill and looking for feedback, money is available in the latest package for fire training and enforcement; stated Chief Bachman was extremely helpful to him while working with a constituent issue; package coming up in Lansing involving FOIA changes (fees, protection for unpaid bills), will follow up with Deisch on this.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright informed the public that absentee ballots are now available for the 8/6/13 Special Election; also reminded them that Council petitions are available for districts 2, 4, and 6.

Deisch and Rose commented on the progress of the beach shelter and fish cleaning station; water is on, sewer connected, electricity installed, and partitions are being installed.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Councilmembers wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July.

Hornkohl requested that people slow down on the fireworks.

Zaring thanked Mikula and Bachman for their assistance last week; agreed with Mr. Walter about signage; suggested more directional signs.

Adams said the signs are beautiful, but too small – not effective.

Kenny thanked Deisch and Cindy Lokovich for a successful Mayor’s Exchange.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Cote. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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