
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – September 3, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, September 3, 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, Deputy City Clerk – Mary Bachman, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Corey Kandow/Abonmarche.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - August 20, 2013 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - Aug. 19 – Sept. 1, 2013 - \$116,525.19
- Cash Balances Report - July 2013
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – September 10, 2013
A discussion will be conducted on Project Updates; and such business as may come before the Council.

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 DESIGNATING A VOTING DELEGATE TO THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Convention of the Michigan Municipal League will be held September 17-20, 2013. Pursuant to the provisions of the League bylaws, we are requested to designate by action of the governing body, one official who will be in attendance at the convention as the official representative to cast the vote of the City of Manistee at the annual meeting, and if possible, to designate one other official to serve as an alternate. Signed up to attend the convention are Mayor Pro-Tem Zaring, Councilmember Hornkohl, City Manager Deisch, and Finance Director Bradford.

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MOTION by Zaring, second by Gustad to appoint Hornkohl as the voting delegate to the Michigan Municipal League's annual meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Goodspeed to appoint Zaring as the alternate voting delegate to the Michigan Municipal League's annual meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYES: None

CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES WITH MANISTEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In 2001 the City entered into an agreement with Manistee Area Public Schools (MAPS) to provide utility services to the former Kennedy School at 610 East Parkdale Avenue. At that time it was not contemplated that MAPS would put this facility up for sale.

MAPS is now considering the sale of this property. The proposed amendment would change the language to treat the potential new private owner the same as all other private utility customers outside the City of Manistee corporate limits.

An amendment to the October 16, 2001 agreement has been drafted and approved by the City Attorney. The Manistee Area Public Schools approved the amendment to the agreement at their August meeting. City Staff recommends approval.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to approve an Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Services for Manistee Area Public Schools property at 610 East Parkdale Avenue; and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING ELECTION POLLING LOCATION - PRECINCTS 1, 2, AND 3.

The City Clerk's Office is requesting Council approval to change one of the polling locations for

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elections held in the City of Manistee. The polling location for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 is currently located at Jefferson School. Representatives from Manistee Area Public Schools have voiced concerns with continuing to hold elections at their facility and have requested that future elections be held elsewhere. The proposed change would be to move this polling location to the Manistee Municipal Marina Open Space, beginning with the November 5, 2013 General Election.

The Election Commission discussed this issue at their July 2, 2013 meeting and have recommended the proposed change of the polling location for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 starting with the November 5, 2013 General Election. According to Michigan Election Law – Section 168.662(4) “the legislative body of a city, village, or township shall not establish, move, or abolish a polling place less than 60 days before an election....” September 5th is 60 days before the November election.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Goodspeed to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a resolution authorizing the change of the election polling location for Precincts 1, 2, and 3 from Jefferson School to the Manistee Municipal Marina Open Space, starting with the November 5, 2013 General Election. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

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

NAYS: Zaring

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD GRANT APPLICATIONS.

The Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB) distributes 2% money from the Little River Casino. The deadline for 2013 Cycle II applications is Friday, September 6, 2013. City Staff has prepared grant applications for submission to the LRSB.

MOTION by Zaring, second by Goodspeed to authorize the submission of grant applications to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for the second cycle in 2013.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

AMEND AGENDA.

MOTION by Cote, second by Goodspeed to amend the agenda under Section IX. Notices, Communications, announcements – Item *a) Notification regarding next work session to state:

The Council work session scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7p.m. is cancelled.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYES: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that the September 11, 2013 Economic Development discussion will be held at the Manistee National Golf Course at 6:30; also the last remaining beach sample testing for e coli have been concluded.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Goodspeed reminded the public that the Tuesday, September 17th Council Meeting has been changed to Monday, September 16th to allow for Council Members to attend the MML League Conference.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Mary Bachman MMC
Deputy City Clerk / Payroll & Benefits