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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – August 6, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 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, Mark Wittlieff, and Eric Gustad.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Planning & Zoning Director – Denise Blakeslee, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton/Spicer Group.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.**

*None received.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Minutes - July 15, 2014 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - July 7 - 20, 2014 - \$ 187,577.25  
- July 21 – Aug. 3, 2014 - \$ 218,414.00
- Cash Balances Report - June 2014
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – August 12, 2014  
A discussion will be conducted on Deer Herd Management, Board & Commission Application Process, River Parc/North Channel Outlet Development Plan, DPW Recycling Center; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of a Bottle Drive Fundraiser for the Northfire Dance Company.  
The Northfire Dance Company is requesting permission to conduct a bottle drive fundraiser on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the City of Manistee to raise money for the company. Money raised is used to pay for competition fees, travel expenses, and workshops for the dancers.
- Consideration of Annual MSDDA Hops & Props Event.  
The Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority is requesting permission to use River Street, Marina property and other property to hold their annual Hops & Props event from Friday, September 12 through Sunday, September 14, 2014. This request includes street closures; with additional requests for City fencing, trash cans and picnic tables. Public Safety Director Dave Bachman has reviewed and approved this request.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 6-1.

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AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Zaring, Wittlieff, and Gustad  
NAYS: Goodspeed

### CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING A 2014 VOLVO BL70 BACKHOE.

The Department of Public Works has operated four demonstration backhoes and solicited competitive proposals to purchase a new backhoe unit with a hydraulic hammer attachment. The Volvo BL70 scored the second highest among the operators and mechanic; and has been determined to be the best value. The cost below also includes trading in our existing 1990 JCB backhoe. \$80,000 has been budgeted in the Motor Pool for this fiscal year.

John Deere 310 SK	\$82,912	Operator's Score: 9
Volvo BL70	\$77,175	Operator's Score: 7
Caterpillar 420 FCP	\$88,358	Operator's Score: 6.5
JCB 3cx-14 Super	\$77,900	Operator's Score: 4.8

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to approve the purchase of the 2014 Volvo BL70 with hydraulic hammer and extended warranty from Alta Equipment in the amount of \$77,175. Mikula stated that since this request was submitted for the agenda, the operators have asked that Council consider approving the purchase of the John Deere 310 SK instead of the Volvo BL70. Questions were asked regarding the difference between the operator's scores, difference between the John Deere and the Volvo, warranty, maintenance costs, and why purchase vs. leasing.

MOTION was made by Cote, second by Hornkohl to amend the original motion to change the purchase to the John Deere 310 SK.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

Roll call was then taken on the original motion to purchase a John Deere 310 SK backhoe from AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$82,912. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### A REPORT FROM THE ENGINEER OF RECORD AND THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Shawn Middleton reported on the activities of the Engineer of Record, The Spicer Group and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Jeff Mikula, Mr. Bruce Banks – Water leadperson, and Ms. Jody Banks – Wastewater leadperson reported on the activities of the Water, Sewer Collection, and Wastewater Treatment Plant departments; they responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

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### PRESENTATION OF FOURTH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT BY FINANCE DIRECTOR ED BRADFORD.

#### CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments were received by:

- Wally Eaton, Eagles Club – 55 Division Street / the value of off-premises signs to service organizations which is not allowed by the Zoning Ordinance. *Council will discuss at a future work session; in the meantime staff is to be flexible with non-profits and service clubs.*
- Ray Fortier – 367 Eleventh Street / impact of the water/sewer rates on low income people; subsidizing the Marina and Ramsdell Theatre; cost of Ramsdell Theatre director
- Bob Grabowski – 341 Fourth Street / ready to serve charges on water/sewer bill, paying ready to serve on the sprinkling meter year-round
- Ross Spencer – 328 Eighth Street – water/sewer discrimination of low income customers

#### OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

*None received.*

#### COUNCILMEMBERS.

Cote commented on the Letter to the Editor in today's paper and stated he does return phone calls; paying Ready to Serve on sprinkling system during winter months not fair, needs to be re-evaluated. *Council directed staff to take another look at this issue.*

Hornkohl has received phone calls regarding a blog Mr. Patulski has created which is insulting the City Council, the City of Manistee, and the local businesses.

Wittlieff questioned the Weed Ordinance and how it can be applied to the old Hardy Salt (General Chemical) property; positive article in the Saturday, 7/19/14 issue of the Manistee News Advocate on downtown Manistee – good publicity for Manistee.

#### ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Hornkohl. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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