
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – August 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, August 19, 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 – Richard Wilson, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton/Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Judy Carl – 159 Quincy Street commented on approving the 8/6/14 City Council minutes, read an excerpt from the Council Guidelines, and referred to comments made by a Councilmember regarding rumors against Mr. Patulski.

Jon Madsen – 521 Browning Avenue commented on the deer culling issue, money involved, no increase in accidents, and didn't see it being a problem.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - August 6, 2014 - Regular Meeting
 - August 12, 2014 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - August 4 - 16, 2014 - \$ 127,494.14
- Monthly Bills
 - July 14, 2014 - \$ 466,429.36
 - July 17, 2014 - \$ 673,166.68
 - July 30, 2014 - \$ 887,925.21
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – September 9, 2014
A discussion will be conducted on the Board and Commission Application Process, the DPW Recycling Center; and such business as may come before the Council.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF MSDDA BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

The Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority is required by State law to ensure that actual expenditures do not exceed budgeted amounts. The proposed budget amendment addresses

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expenditures to avoid any year-end negative budget variances.

MOTION by Zaring, second by Hornkohl to adopt budget amendments for the Manistee Main Street Downtown Development Authority 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. Patrick Kay, executive director of the MSDDA, gave an explanation of the budget amendments.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

PRESENTATION OF THE WATER GENERAL PLAN STUDY COMPLETED BY ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS, INC.

A REPORT FROM THE PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION, THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, THE TREE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Lynn Vasquez reported on the activities of the Parks & Beautification Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Mr. Brandon Prince – DPW leadperson and Mr. Gary Niesen – Parks leadperson reported on the activities of the Public Works Department, Tree Commission, and Parks Department and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments were received by:

- Judy Carl – 159 Quincy Street / council accusation of a resident starting a blog, compared oil and gas impact study to prior information given, asked for other analyses.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None received.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Goodspeed applauded the Parks, Water, and DPW employees.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Hornkohl. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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