
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – January 20, 2015

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 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, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, and Mark Wittlieff.

ABSENT: Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Planning & Zoning Administrator – Denise Blakeslee, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton/Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

AMEND AGENDA.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Cote to amend the agenda by adding an item to the Consent Agenda - FiveCAP Inc. Annual Walk for Warmth to be held on February 21, 2015.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff

NAYS: None

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 6, 2015 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - January 5 – 18, 2015 - \$ 112,734.81
- Monthly Bills - December 3, 2014 - \$ 37,939.02
- December 23, 2014 - \$ 462,629.73
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 10, 2015
A discussion will be conducted on the Strategic Plan Update, Animal Ordinance, with a joint discussion with the Ad Hoc Street Committee on their Draft Report; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of a Rotary Club Bottle Drive
A request has been received from the Manistee Rotary Club to conduct a bottle drive fundraiser on January 24, 25, and 31, 2015 to raise funds to help pay for area students to attend an humanitarian trip to the Dominican Republic. Eleven MHS and MCC Seniors will

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be participating this year.

- Consideration of FiveCAP Inc. Annual Walk for Warmth
A request has been received from FiveCAP Inc. to hold their annual Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The Walk is a national effort held to raise funds at the county level for home heating assistance. All funds collected in Manistee will be used for families in Manistee County.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Non-Motorized Transportation Committee, Parks & Beautification Commission, and the PEG Commission.

All appointments by the Mayor are subject to the Council's approval, unless otherwise specified by statute or ordinance. Nominations for Council appointments do not require a second. After a member of Council nominates an individual for appointment, Council shall vote on the nomination. A majority vote in favor of placement of the nominee is required for appointment.

The following applications have been received (**Incumbent*):

BOARD OF REVIEW. One regular member term ending 12/31/17, applicants shall be taxpaying electors of the City who are owners of property assessed for taxes in the City and at the time of their appointment, are neither elected nor appointed officials of the City; Council appointment.

Judianne L. Sibley, 241 Hughes Street

Councilmember Goodspeed nominated Ms. Judianne Sibley – 241 Hughes Street as a regular member to the Board of Review for a term ending 12/31/17.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed, 5-1.

AYES: Kenny, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff

NAYS: Cote

COMPENSATION COMMISSION. One vacancy, five-year term ending 09/30/19, applicants must be registered voters in the City, Mayoral appointment.

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None received

HARBOR COMMISSION. One unexpired term ending 10/31/15, Council appointment.

None received

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. Three vacancies, three-year terms ending 02/28/18, applicants must be City residents, Council appointment.

T Eftaxiadis, 817 Cherry Street*
Mary (Teena) Kracht, 403 First Street*

Goodspeed nominated T Eftaxiadis – 817 Cherry Street to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term ending 02/28/18.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff
NAYS: None

Goodspeed also nominated Mary (Teena) Kracht – 403 First Street to the Historic District Commission for a three-year term ending 02/28/18.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff
NAYS: None

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. Three vacancies, two-year terms ending 03/31/17, Mayoral appointment.

Ed Jones, 4339 W. Fox Farm Road*
Christa Johnson, 739 Canfield Road*

Mayor Kenny appointed Ed Jones – 4339 W. Fox Farm Road to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee for a two-year term ending 03/31/17. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Smith to support the Mayor’s appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff
NAYS: None

Kenny also appointed Christa Johnson – 739 Canfield Road to the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee for a two-year term ending 03/31/17. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to

support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, and Wittlieff

NAYS: None

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION. One unexpired term ending 06/30/17, applicants must be a City resident or own real estate / business / profession in the City, Mayoral appointment.

None received

PEG COMMISSION. One vacancy, three-year term ending 12/31/17, applicants must be Manistee County residents, Council appointment.

None received

Mayor Kenny requested that the remaining vacancies be re-advertised.

PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT OF FINDINGS.

On July 15, 2014 City Council requested that the Planning Commission look at the Zoning Ordinance relating to the P-D Peninsula District. The Planning Commission has performed an in-depth review and has prepared a Report of Findings.

The Planning Commission Report of Findings was presented to City Council by Denise Blakeslee – Planning & Zoning Administrator. Deisch explained the next steps that would need to be taken before this could be adopted. It was agreed to include further discussion on this topic on the next work session agenda.

A REPORT FROM THE MANISTEE BLACKER AIRPORT.

Mr. Barry Lind reported on the activities of the Manistee Blacker Airport and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None received.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

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Cote invited Mr. Ed Seng to comment on the Planning Commission Report of Findings.

Goodspeed recognized Boy Scout Troop 101 members who were in attendance this evening.

Smith asked if we do exit interviews for people leaving City employment, recommended this practice by two members of the Personnel Committee, but not the manager of the personnel leaving; wants the deer cull research/plan to move forward as soon as possible; stated the Planning Commission and Airport reports were very informative.

Kenny stated the ad hoc committee has a really well laid out plan.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Cote, second by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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