

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – March 2, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Ilona Haydon on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Hank Yonkman, and Richard Mack.

ABSENT: 1-Vacancy and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – Bruce Gockerman, Deputy City Clerk – Mary Nemecek, City Assessor – Julie Beardslee, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Fire Chief – Sid Scrimger, and Police Chief – Dave Bachman.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.**

*Robert Riker, 312 Dunes Dr., commented on Item VIII. b. Consideration of an Agreement with the Charter Township of Filer; questioned whether it was a Combined or Sanitary Sewer; since it was strictly a Sanitary Sewer, he offered his support to the agreement.*

**#10-21 CONSENT AGENDA.**

Consent agenda items include:

- Minutes
  - February 16, 2010 - Regular Meeting
  - February 16, 2010 - Work Session
  - February 23, 2010 - Work Session
  
- Payroll
  - February 8 – 14, 2010 - \$ 57,533.91
  - February 15 – 21, 2010 - \$ 52,233.52
  
- Monthly Bills
  - January 28, 2010 - \$ 130,528.18
  - January 29, 2010 - \$1,246,567.60
  - February 9, 2010 - \$ 565,026.96
  - February 23, 2010 - \$1,097,460.23
  
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – March 9, 2010
  - A discussion will be conducted on such business as may come before the Council.
  
- Consideration of Authorizing the Manistee World of Arts and Crafts.
  - The Manistee World of Arts and Crafts Committee has requested the use of Red Syzmarek Park for their annual arts and crafts show during the Forest Festival. The dates requested are Thursday and Friday, July 1 - 2, 2010 for set up and Saturday and Sunday, July 3-4, 2010 for the

actual event.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Kenny to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack

NAYS: None

**#10-22 CONSIDERATION OF LRSB GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

The Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB) distributes 2% money from the Little River Casino. The deadline for first cycle applications is Friday, March 5, 2010. City Staff has prepared grant applications for submission to the LRSB.

MOTION by Mack, second by Hornkohl to authorize the submission of grant applications to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for the first cycle in 2010.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack

NAYS: None

**#10-23 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER.**

Council's approval is being requested of an Interlocal Governmental Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Cooperative Agreement with the Charter Township of Filer to extend sewer collection systems into the Charter Township of Filer's DDA boundaries. City Attorney Bruce Gockerman has reviewed and approved the agreement.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Kenny to approve an Interlocal Governmental Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Cooperative Agreement with the Charter Township of Filer; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Hornkohl, Haydon, Yonkman, Mack

NAYS: None

**#10 -24 A REPORT FROM THE CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.**

Ms. Julie Beardslee reported on the activities of the City Assessor's Office and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT.**

Greg Ferguson, 196 Washington Street, apologized to Chief Bachman for interrupting him during his annual report on February 16<sup>th</sup>; and also would like to see a predetermined plan in place by the governing bodies to deal with the Asian Carp.

Kathy Fenstermacher, 302 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, requested that the Council consider allowing all Candidates running for the City Council 2<sup>nd</sup> District to participate in the Budgeting Process.

Ray Fortier, Eleventh Street, commented on the article in the Manistee News Advocate regarding joining the Police and Fire into one unit.

## **OFFICIALS AND STAFF.**

Deisch stated that he is attempting to schedule a special work session on March 23, 2010 to review refuse; and also thanked everyone involved with the Interlocal Governmental Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Cooperative Agreement with the Charter Township of Filer.

Rose stated that he has been working on the Agreement with the Charter Township of Filer for 19 years.

## **COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Haydon stated that the Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled; and also commented on a letter that the council received several weeks ago regarding Matrix and AES; Haydon requested that Alliance for Economic Success Executive Director, Cyndy Fuller also comment.

Hornkohl stated that he has received several calls and letters regarding the deer herd; he commented that the council is working on this issue and will schedule a work session; Deisch stated that a Work Session will be scheduled in August for Council to review.

Mack thanked Jim Espvik and Filer Charter Township for their cooperation.

## **#10-25      CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING TO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

The City Manager Mitch Deisch has requested an Executive Session this evening to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations as permitted by Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Mack to adjourn to Executive Session. Time: 8:18 p.m.

MOTION by Mack, second by Hornkohl to return to Regular Session. Time: 8:47 p.m.

**ADJOURN.**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Mack, second by Kenny. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Mary Nemecek CMC  
Deputy City Clerk/Payroll & Benefits