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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – February 16, 2016

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A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff

ABSENT: Robert Goodspeed, Eric Gustad

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Planning & Zoning Administrator – Denise Blakeslee, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group

### CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

*None received.*

### CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
  - February 2, 2016 - Regular Meeting
  - February 9, 2016 - Work Session
  
- Financial Reports
  - Payroll
    - February 5, 2016 - \$ 116,709.05
    - February 19, 2016 - \$ 111,467.42
  - Invoices
    - January 14, 2016 - \$1,067,834.58
    - January 28, 2016 - \$ 646,267.64
  
- Consideration of Historic District Commission Bylaws

On February 2, 2016 the Historic District Commission amended Section 6 Annual Review of Bylaws from January to December. There are no other substantive changes. Council adopted the bylaws for the Historic District Commission and authorized the Mayor to execute the document.
  
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – **Wednesday**, March 9, 2016

A discussion will be conducted on Spring Trash Haul/Recycling, Strategic Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Smith, second by Zielinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF PARCEL SPLIT AND COMBINATION REQUEST FROM T. EFTAXIADIS AND VICKERS HANSEN.**

A request has been received from T. Eftaxiadis (817 Cherry Street) and Vickers Hansen (813 Cherry Street) for a parcel split and combination. The home at 815 Cherry Street was destroyed by a fire in 2014 and was not rebuilt. Adjoining property owners T. Eftaxiadis and Vickers Hansen purchased the property and are asking to divide the property in half and combine it with their parcels. The Planning Commission has reviewed and recommends this request.

MOTION by Smith, second by Wittlieff to approve the request for a parcel split and combination request from T. Eftaxiadis and Vickers Hansen that would divide parcel 51-352-703-05 in half with the north 43.75 feet being combined with Mr. Hansen's parcel 51-352-703-03 and the south 43.75 feet being combined with Mr. Eftaxiadis' parcel 51-352-703-07.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

**CONSIDERATION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, MANISTEE CITY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND MANISTEE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC.**

On October 21, 2014 the City of Manistee approved a Brownfield Plan for the South Washington Area redevelopment project. The developer is now ready to proceed. A development agreement has been negotiated and approved by both the City of Manistee Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Developer. Council approval is now requested.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Smith to approve a development agreement for the South Washington Area redevelopment project between the City, City of Manistee Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Manistee Investment Partners, LLC; and further authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. John Groothuis, property owner, and Ed Bradford highlighted the background of the project and details of the development agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: None

**A REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.**

Deputy Chief Heath Darling reported on the activities of the Fire Department/EMS and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Sgt. Steve Schmeling reported on the activities of the Police Department and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

**CITIZEN COMMENT.**

Comments received by:

- Linda Gamache-Chick, 345 Fourth Avenue / invitation to a fundraiser for the Teen Center on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m.

**OFFICIALS AND STAFF.**

Wright pointed out the work session approved earlier in the meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 and not on Tuesday as stated, this is due to the election being held on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Beaton thanked the Spicer Group for sponsoring the MRA with a donation, likes to see them taking part of the life in Manistee.

Smith thanked the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and staff for their work finishing the River Parc development.

**ADJOURN.**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Zielinski, second by Beaton. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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