

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – May 15, 2012

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Sid Scrimger, Robert Hornkohl, Ilona Haydon, Catherine Zaring, Beth Adams, and Alan Marshall.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, and Community Development Director – Jon Rose.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - May 1, 2012 - Regular Meeting
- Payroll - April 30 – May 13, 2012 - \$ 103,475.84
- Monthly Bills - April 11, 2012 - \$ 263,246.91
- April 26, 2012 - \$ 365,299.35
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – June 11, 2012
A discussion will be conducted on 2012 project updates; and such business as may come before the Council.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING CENTRAL POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS.

The City Clerk’s Office has requested Council’s approval to establish central polling places for elections held in the City. The reason for this request is to improve the efficiency of the election process. Two locations are being proposed as follows:

Jefferson School Precincts 1, 2, 3

St. Joseph Parish Center Precincts 4, 5, 6, 7

According to MCL 168.662 (2)...“The legislative body in each city...may establish a central polling place or places for 6 precincts or less if it is possible and convenient for the electors to vote at the central polling place. The legislative body may abolish other polling places not required as a result of the establishment of a central polling place.”

MOTION by Haydon, second by Zaring to establish the new polling locations for the City of Manistee and abolish the old locations effective May 15, 2012.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE Z12-01 CREATING NEW ZONING DISTRICT P-D PENINSULA DISTRICT.

This ordinance amendment creates a new peninsula zoning district for the property on the east end of River Street. It would apply changes recommended by the Planning Commission including elimination of heavy industry, shipping facilities and warehouses. This new district provides for mixed use development consistent with the 2005 Peninsula Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.

This would be the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Amendment Z12-01. A second reading and possible adoption could take place at the June 5, 2012 Council meeting.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Marshall to introduce Z12-01 amending the City of Manistee Zoning Ordinance creating a new Zoning District P-D Peninsula District.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 12-02 ADDING CHAPTER 1030 COMPLETE STREETS TO THE MANISTEE CITY CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

The new ordinance adds Chapter 1030 Complete Streets to the Manistee City Codified Ordinances.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has adopted the complete streets concept. Complete Streets provides for consideration of all forms of transportation including vehicular, bicycle, mobility devices and walking when designing and constructing. It is anticipated that local grant applications will be looked upon more favorably if the applicant has endorsed complete streets.

This will be the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Amendment 12-02. A second reading and possible adoption could take place at the June 5, 2012 Council Meeting.

MOTION by Haydon, second by Hornkohl to introduce Ordinance 12-02 to add Chapter 1030 Complete Streets to the Manistee City Codified Ordinances.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Scrimger, Hornkohl, Haydon, Zaring, Adams, and Marshall
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE PEG COMMISSION.

Mr. Keith Brown and Mr. Mark Sandstedt reported on the activities of the PEG Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

Mayor Kenny read a Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Robert Adams for his lifetime of research associated with the death site of Pere Marquette. The site will be formally marked with a memorial stone and plaque on May 18, 2012.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ed Tegler – 522 Fifth Avenue, chair of the Parks & Beautification Committee, gave Council a report on the committee’s input on the First Street beach house; also stated that the dog ordinance will be addressed at their meeting Thursday and asked for any comments to take back.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None received.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Adams asked for an update on the union contract negotiations.

Kenny congratulated City Clerk Wright for earning the Master Municipal Clerk designation.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Hornkohl, second by Marshall. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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