

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – February 19, 2013

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 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, Beth Adams, and Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Mitch Deisch, City Attorney – Bruce Gockerman, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, City Assessor – Julie Beardslee, Community Development Director – Jon Rose, DPW Director – Jack Garber, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, Utility Director – Jeff Mikula, and City Engineer – Corey Kadow/Abonmarche.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Cyndy Fuller - 18 Cottage Lane, board member of Historic Vogue Theater, requested Council’s support of their Local Revenue Sharing grant request. She also invited them to attend their official ground breaking on Wednesday.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - February 5, 2013 - Regular Meeting
 - February 12, 2013 - Special Meeting
 - February 12, 2013 - Work Session
- Payroll
 - Feb. 4 – Feb. 17, 2013 - \$ 120,484.52
- Monthly Bills
 - January 10, 2013 - \$ 944,793.33
 - January 25, 2013 - \$ 512,805.94
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – March 12, 2013
A discussion will be conducted on CDO White Paper, Project Updates; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Manistee World of Arts & Crafts Use of Red Szymarek Park.
The Manistee World of Arts & Crafts is requesting the use of Red Szymarek Park for their 42nd Annual Arts & Crafts Show to be held on July 5-6, 2013. They would like Council approval to use the park starting July 3 through July 6 to allow them time to set up.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS OF APPRECIATION TO FORMER COUNCILMEMBERS – SID SCRIMGER, ILONA HAYDON, AND ALAN MARSHALL.

- Sid Scrimger for his service as the Second District City Councilmember. He served this community with loyalty, integrity, dedication and honor from November 2011 to January 2013.
- Ilona Haydon for her service as the Fourth District City Councilmember. She served this community with loyalty, integrity, dedication and honor from November 2007 to January 2013. She also served as Mayor from November 2009 to November 2010.
- Alan W. Marshall for his service as the Seventh District City Councilmember. He served this community with loyalty, integrity, dedication and honor from November 2002 to November 2012.

Mr. Scrimger and Ms. Haydon were unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Haydon asked that a letter be read in her absence.

Mayor Kenny then presented a gift of appreciation to former Councilmember Alan W. Marshall. He stated that it was an honor to serve on the City Council.

Kenny thanked all of them for their service and dedication to the City of Manistee.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2013 REFUNDING BONDS (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION).

The City previously issued capital improvement bonds to finance City Hall renovations. The extremely low interest rate environment and previous bond structure has created an opportunity to refund these bonds at significant savings to the City. Total projected gross savings are in excess of \$220,000.

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Zaring to adopt a Resolution Authorizing 2013 Refunding Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation).

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD GRANT APPLICATIONS.

The Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB) distributes 2% money from the Little River Casino. The deadline for 2013 Cycle I applications is Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5 p.m. City Staff has prepared grant applications for submission to the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

Grant applications included:

Public Safety Grant Requests:

Police - Century Terrace Surveillance System - \$ 9,130
Fire - Paramedic Tuition - \$12,000

Other Grant Requests:

Fish Cleaning Station - \$25,000
AAY (Teen Center) – Improvements - \$ 5,000
Vogue Theater – Fire Suppression System - \$65,000

MOTION by Hornkohl, second by Cote to authorize the submission of grant applications to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for the first cycle in 2013.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, PEG Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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:

BOARD OF REVIEW – One regular member, unexpired term ending 12/31/13. 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.

T. Eftaxiadis, 817 Cherry Street

Councilmember Hornkohl nominated Mr. T. Eftaxiadis – 817 Cherry Street, to the Board of Review as a regular member, for the unexpired term expiring 12/31/13.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – One vacancy unexpired term ending 06/30/14; Mayoral appointment.

None received.

COMPENSATION COMMISSION – Two vacancies, five year terms ending 09/30/17; Mayoral appointment.

Lucy Gagstetter, 620 Eighth Street
Thomas R. Smith, 703 Hopkins Street

Mayor Kenny appointed Ms. Lucy Gagstetter – 620 Eighth Street, to the Compensation Commission for a term ending 9/30/17.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

Mayor Kenny appointed Mr. Thomas Smith – 703 Hopkins Street, to the Compensation Commission for a term ending 9/30/17.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

HARBOR COMMISSION – One vacancy, unexpired term ending 10/31/13; Council appointment.

Alex Zaccanelli, 457 Fourth Street

Mayor Pro Tem Zaring nominated Mr. Alex Zaccanelli – 457 Fourth Street, to the Harbor Commission for the unexpired term ending 10/31/13.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

PEG COMMISSION – One vacancy, three year term ending 12/31/15; Council appointment.

Barry Lind, 532 Fourth Street

Councilmember Hornkohl nominated Mr. Barry Lind – 532 Fourth Street, to the PEG Commission for a three year term ending 12/31/15.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Cote, Hornkohl, Goodspeed, Zaring, Adams, and Gustad
NAYS: None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – One vacancy (alternate member), unexpired term ending 05/31/15; Mayoral appointment.

None received.

A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chief David Bachman presented a video on the activities of the Department of Public Safety and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities. He also introduced the new Assistant Fire Chief - Heath Darling.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON RAMSDELL THEATRE WHITE PAPER.

The Ramsdell Theatre White Paper was presented to Council at their work session of February 12, 2013. Discussion continued this evening after Council had time to think through the previous discussion.

Some discussion points of the Ramsdell Theatre White Paper included:

- Would increasing the number of board members help;
- “Friends of the Ramsdell” group should be re-ignited;
- Fundraising should be on-going;
- SWOT analysis – how many of the opportunities listed have been done;
- Agree that an executive director is needed;
- Partnership with major college – how would this work in this area;
- Any recent discussions with West Shore Community College, was there any interest in pursuing this;
- Are there any major projects coming up in the next few years that money should go towards first;
- Lot of time and money invested in the Ramsdell, would hate to see if fall into disrepair again;
- Funds for the executive director are currently included in the draft budget being worked on right now;
- Council can make a better decision when the budget is presented to them.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Ed Tegler – 522 Fifth Avenue, member of the Parks & Beautification Commission, spoke about unresolved issues with the First Street Beach/Shelter House.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Deisch stated that the winter weather is creating havoc on City streets; reviewed street related issues.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

None received.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Hornkohl. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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