
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – March 15, 2016

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Tuesday, March 15, 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, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, and Eric Gustad.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy City Clerk – Mary Bachman, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - March 1, 2016 - Regular Meeting
 - March 9, 2016 - Work Session

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll - March 4, 2016 - \$ 120,693.70
 - Payroll - March 18, 2016 - \$ 110,060.31

 - Invoices
 - February 15, 2016 - \$1,363,518.94
 - February 26, 2016 - \$1,178,483.20

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – April 12, 2016
A discussion will be conducted on the 2016-2017 Budget; and such business as may come before the Council.

- Consideration of Proclaiming April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month.
The Manistee County Parkinson’s Support Group has requested that the City of Manistee proclaim the month of April as Parkinson’s Awareness Month.

- Consideration of the American Cancer Society Manistee County Relay for Life.
The Manistee County Relay for Life is scheduled for July 30-31, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.; with setup on Friday, July 29. This event would occupy one-half of the Douglas Park parking lot and they have requested that the drive behind the fish cleaning station be blocked off. They would also like to utilize the Lions Pavilion for Saturday evening only. No police officers will be needed. This event is subject to the appropriate department approvals.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION, PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVATION.

At their meeting of March 3, 2016 the Planning Commission adopted a motion to recommend City Council support of the Little Manistee River Watershed Conservation Council and their partnership. A resolution for a partnership agreement between the City of Manistee and the Little Manistee River Watershed Conservation (LMRWC) has been drafted for consideration. Representatives from LMRWC have asked to give a presentation to City Council on their efforts.

MOTION by Wittlief, second by Zielinski to authorize the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to sign a resolution for a Partnership Agreement with the Little Manistee River Watershed Conservation.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING TWO SANITARY SEWER PUMPS FOR THE SIXTH AVENUE PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT.

The Sixth Avenue Pump Station Replacement Project and Riverbank Sewer Project are currently out for bids. The pumps for the new station have a long lead time for manufacture and delivery; therefore the City has solicited competitive bids. Three bids have been received as follows:

Pumps Plus, Inc.	\$31,980	(24 hp KSB Pumps)
Kennedy Industries	\$32,560*	(20 hp Flygt Pumps)
Kerr Pump & Supply	\$42,975	(25 hp Fairbank-Morse Pumps)

Staff recommends the purchase of the Flygt pumps based on the bid price, lower electrical consumption (use of smaller motors), past success with the Flygt Pumps, and the service representatives from Kennedy Industries.

This purchase is funded through the recent Water and Sewer Bonds.

*Recommended Bid

Discussion followed regarding pump types.

MOTION by Smith, second by Gustad to approve the purchase of two Flygt pumps and associated hardware from Kennedy Industries in the amount of \$32,560.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Harbor 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:

HARBOR COMMISSION. Two vacancies, terms ending 10/31/18, two members can be nonresidents if they own real estate in the City or own a business/profession directly related to commission areas, Council appointment.

Fritz R. Boehm, 200 Cutter Ridge Drive
Glenn C. Zaring, 321 Fifth Street

Goodspeed nominated Mr. Boehm to the Harbor Commission for a term expiring 10/31/18.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

Goodspeed nominated Mr. Zaring to the Harbor Commission for a term expiring 10/31/18.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Kenny, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Gustad
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE MANISTEE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Ms. Stacie Bytwork reported on the activities of the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Mikula stated that they are in the process of designing a repair for the 300 foot section of Riverwalk erosion, this section is closed to the public, anticipating construction in May-June with an open date by early July; Spring Trash/Rubbish pickup is scheduled to begin April 11th; Brush pickup will begin April 15th; Yard waste bag pickup will begin April 19th; Biodegradable lawn bags have been ordered and should be available the first week in April; lawn dumpster is no longer located at the DPW facility but beginning next week a Lawn Bin will be available at the North Glocheski Drive recycling location; Tree trimming is on schedule; and a contractor has been secured for tree planting this year.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Beaton requested Council thoughts on adding a Council Attendance Policy to the next Work Session agenda for discussion; Smith stated that there are Commissions and Committees in place that spell out policies, it might be appropriate to put on the Work Session agenda.

Zielinski requested a progress report on Lighthouse Park; Mikula stated that there was nothing new to report, funding for the project has not been identified.

Smith requested an update on the Boat Launch and Boat Launch Auto-Attendant; Mikula stated that the Finance Director has ordered the coins for the First Street Boat Launch Auto-Attendant and it should be operational by Thursday or Friday, the Arthur Street pay tube is scheduled to be shipped out this week and will be installed as soon as it arrives; Smith thanked Mr. Boehm and Mr. Zaring for their interest in the Harbor Commission.

Wittlieff also thanked Mr. Boehm and Mr. Zaring.

Gustad apologized to fellow Councilmembers, City Staff and Citizens of Manistee for his poor attendance record, all of his absences except for one have been work related, does not have a 9-5 job, takes his Council responsibilities seriously, has the utmost confidence and respect for the rest of the Council to handle decisions in his absence, Council should look for ways to support and collaborate with each other.

Kenny stated that work may get in the way of Council meetings, appreciates Gustad's comments; wishes everyone a good Easter Season and safe Spring Break travels.

ADJOURN.

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

Mary Bachman MMC / LIA
Deputy City Clerk