
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – August 3, 2016

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Colleen Kenny on Wednesday, August 3, 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.

ABSENT: 1-Vacancy

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - July 19, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances - June 2016
 - Revenue & Expenses - June 2016
 - Quarterly Investment Update - April-June 2016
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – August 9, 2016
Presentation on MERS by Tony Radjenovich and Ed Bradford, a discussion on Fireworks Ordinance, and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of DAV Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser.
The Manistee Salt City Chapter 43 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has requested authorization to conduct their annual Forget-Me-Not fundraiser for local projects. Dates requested are August 12, 13, and 14, 2016 in the City of Manistee.
- Consideration of United Way Chili Cook-off Event Request.
The Manistee County United Way will be hosting their annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser in conjunction with Hops and Props and have requested the use of City picnic tables (12) and trash cans (6). The event will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR.

Gordo Ford has a demo model Police Utility Interceptor for sale at \$39,995. This vehicle comes pre-equipped with lights, sirens, and a cage; among other options. Gordo Ford is a State contract holder and is offering the vehicle at the State price. The light package and cage package would typically have to be completed after the purchase of a car. This vehicle is included in the 2016-2017 Motor Pool budget.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to authorize the purchase of a 2016 Police Utility Interceptor from Gordo Ford in the amount of \$39,995; and further authorize the Finance Director to finance this purchase through the Motor Pool Fund. Discussion followed regarding financing and condition of the trade-in.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR MANISTEE LAKE CONDOMINIUMS – JOSLIN COVE.

On July 12, 2016, City Council was given a presentation by the Manistee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on an amended brownfield plan for the Joslin Cove condominium project. The Manistee County BRA approved the plan earlier that day. The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act requires that brownfield plans obtain approval from the municipality in which they are located.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to adopt a resolution approving an amended brownfield plan for Manistee Lake Condominiums – Joslin Cove.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A DEVELOPMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANISTEE LAKES, LLC, THE MANISTEE COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF MANISTEE FOR THE MANISTEE LAKE CONDOMINIUMS – JOSLIN COVE PROJECT.

On July 12, 2016, City Council was given a presentation by the Manistee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on an amended brownfield plan for the Joslin Cove condominium project. The Manistee County BRA approved the plan earlier that day, and the City Council considered the amended brownfield plan earlier tonight. The development and reimbursement agreement spells out the conditions and requirements of the parties as it relates to constructing the development and applying for and receiving reimbursement. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

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MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Goodspeed to approve a development and reimbursement agreement between Manistee Lake, LLC, the Manistee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and the City of Manistee for the Manistee Lake Condominiums – Joslin Cove project. Questions were asked about the financing and if a performance bond would be required.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-1.

AYES: Kenny, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff

NAYS: Beaton

A REPORT FROM THE MUSEUM / HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Mr. Mark Fedder reported on the activities of the Museum and the Historic District Commission. Mr. Steve Harold also gave an update on the Lighthouse.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments received by:

- Ryan Kieszowski – 618 Pine Street / taking of property on 12th Street, asked Council to reconsider and look at other alternatives.
- Jim Engstrom – 940 17th Street / 12th Street could have been paved as is, commented on the Edmondson family and their contribution to the community.
- Chris Johns – Fox Farm Road / informal protest held prior to this meeting, expressed concerns on what is happening on 12th Street, asked if City will be receiving MDOT money for it to be considered a major street.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None received.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Beaton thanked two young visitors to Manistee who have rescued 18 feral cats.

Smith thanked Bachman and staff for the First Responders event held at the Coast Guard station; thanked the City Clerk and staff for running a successful election.

Wittlieff thanked everyone that came to the meeting tonight; invited the public to attend the Master Plan review at Thursday's Planning Commission meeting.

Kenny wanted to clarify the role and responsibility of Council after several comments were posted on Facebook regarding an employee running for office, there is no obligation or requirement that an employee inform Council of that fact, stated that what they engage in outside of work is their business; she also stated that she received comments from a visiting VP at PCA on how great the community looks, thanked all of the volunteers and staff for their efforts.

ADJOURN.

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

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