

January 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Present were Councilmembers: Shiner, Ecclesine, Rohde, Johnson, Perilloux. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Bruce Plackowski

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on December 14, 2020

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from December 14, 2020

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Shiner, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux
No-None**

- B. New Business

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only

- Paul walker- West Elk Street, Manistique Michigan

2. Terra Langham from MERS

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: The City has been part of MERS (Michigan Employment Retirement System) since October 1, 1981. MERS has asked that we fill out an addendum and to confirm that the provisions that we use now are consistent with the provisions on file with MERS. Please see attached provisions.

Terra will be working with our clerk next week as we fill out the form, bring it to Council for approval before we submit the form.

Terra Langham:

- Been with MERS for 11 years and is the Regional Manager
- The City has a defined benefit plan and three different divisions
- MERS as three different plans
- Lifetime benefits start once an employee has met the age and service requirements
- The City is making monthly contributions and is funded at 44%
- The addendum will need to be approved by Council after the clerk and manager meet with me and fill out the forms

3. Update & Presentation from SineTech on Website

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: SineTech has been working on a new City of Manistique website at cityofmanistique.org. Mike Hoar from SineTech will be at our meeting to unveil the new website to the public February 1, 2021.

We are awaiting the startup of the new website with better access to council meeting schedules, minutes, and other information useful to the public. It will be a welcome addition as our present website presented problems getting information on it.

Mike Hoar:

- We have made all the suggested changes
- Linked Lakeshore Campground into the site
- There are links to pay your water and taxes
- All links open in new windows
- We will update the website with seasonal pictures
- There is a lot of content on this site
- We are still in need of a few Councilmembers bios and photos for the site
- There is a new informative GFI option on the site

4. Reimbursement Request & Change Order on Oak

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find attached the final reimbursement request and change order for Oak street project prepared by Coleman Engineering. The amounts are as follows

- Water \$41,345.10
- Sewer \$9,395.27

The request will go onto RD (Rural Development) in Gladstone and Lansing for final review.

Sheila:

- Scott from Coleman Said that this will be the final request form

Moved by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the Reimbursement Request done by Coleman Engineering for water in the amount of \$41,345.10

Discussion

Yes-Johnson, Shiner, Ecclesine, Rohde, Perilloux
No-None

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Perilloux

APPROVE the Reimbursement Request done by Coleman Engineering for sewer in the amount of \$9,395.27

Discussion

Yes-Ecclesine, Perilloux, Rohde, Johnson, Shiner
No-None

Sheila: There was money left after the change order. Corey and I had a conversation three weeks ago with Rural Development. Because Corey had already had plans in place, RD is allowing us to use the extra money to replace the domes at the wastewater plant. The last time they were painted the painters stated that due to there condition they would not go up and paint them again. We ae also able to do some paving on Walnut Street as well.

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Perilloux

APPROVE to accept the change order prepared by Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$52,414.63

Discussion

Yes-Ecclesine, Perilloux, Rohde, Johnson, Shiner
No-None

5. Council Meeting Schedule for 2021

Sheila:

- Jackie has put together a schedule of meeting dates for 2021. There are a few meetings that fall on holidays and those meetings are scheduled for Tuesday instead of Monday

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE to Accept the meeting schedule for 2021

Discussion

Yes-Shiner, Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux
No-None

C. Reports and Communication

- River Street Rental project is in full swing and the MEDC will possibly be moving forward with Zane Floyds project soon
- Aldrich-MPSD and the medics have all been vaccinated, WTP & WWTP are scheduled for next week
- The thought is that the employees that are not receiving the vaccine should continue to wear masks when at work
- Schoolcraft Collision property withdrew the donation. Coleman could not get the testing done by the end of the year. Mrs. Dottson wanted to have everything settled by then.

We could not get everything done by then and the City could not accept a brownfield without the testing being done. The VFW owns all the way down to Camp Manistique. WE will eventually work on acquiring some of that property for the DPW

- We would like to know your thoughts on starting committee meetings in person. These meetings would be small and include one Councilmember to keep everyone in the loop. With contract negotiations coming up next year, some of the departments would like to start discussing things and these would go better if done in person.
- Ecclesine-inquired about the website roll out and about the website information all being updated in time
- Shiner-MML conference will be coming up in March and recommends councilmembers to attend. This will be done virtually this year
- Aldrich-Inquired about what other places were doing with the planning of their events for this year.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE for Meeting adjournment

Discussion

Yes-All

No-None

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse
City Clerk