

January 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hollister, Hill, Walker, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski.

A. Minutes.

January 9, 2017

**Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker**

**APPROVE the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Hollister, Jeffcott**

**No – None**

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Marina Access Road Improvements Engineering Agreement.

Manager Aldrich memo. The DDA has been working with Coleman on a conceptual for Marina Drive (the entrance to the Marina). Please find the initial concept attached. The work on the entrance has been an ongoing project along with the final phase of the Marina construction.

The DDA authorized Coleman to proceed with the engineering on the entry road and would like Council approval of the attached work order. This work order is in the amount of \$78,000 for engineering and design of this project.

This project is being paid for by the DDA with bond proceeds. The City is also working with the Sault Tribe on this project with some possible funding from them.

Discussion.

**Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister**

**APPROVE the engineering agreement between the City of Manistique and Coleman Engineering for the Marina Access Road Project in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$78,000.00) as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Hollister, Walker, Jeffcott**

**No – None**

3. M94 Project Reimbursement Request.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached a reimbursement request from the M94 MDOT Project. These reimbursement requests include:

Water	\$46,409.91
Sewer	49,568.79

These requests will go on to Rural Development and then on to the State for approval.

Discussion.

**Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Hill**

**APPROVE the M94 Water Improvement Project reimbursement request in the amount of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Nine Dollars and Ninety-One Cents (\$46,409.91) as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Hill, Walker, Jeffcott**

**No – None**

**Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Walker**

**APPROVE the M94 Sewer Improvement Project reimbursement request in the amount of Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$49,568.79) as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Walker, Hill, Jeffcott**  
**No – None**

4. TODS Ordinance Introduction.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City of Manistique has been working with the MDOT Sign program on the TODS (Tourist Oriented Directional Signs) Program. These are the signs that have Pure Michigan at the top and businesses listed below. These tourist oriented signs are very attractive and helpful in guiding people to a business or attraction. Please find some literature attached that further describes the signs and the process.

The City is required to have an ordinance in place stating that they will allow these signs within the city limits. Each business or attraction desiring a TODS sign must then make application to MDOT for design and placement of a sign. MDOT will work with the business with the design and wording on the sign along with installation of it.

Please find attached the ordinance that City Council would need to introduce to get the process started. This ordinance, if introduced and approved, would be passed at our next meeting.

Discussion.

Councilmember Hill introduced the proposed ordinance Regulating Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs.

Councilmember Hill introduced the proposed ordinance Amending Section 609 B (Directional Signs) of Ordinance 299 of 2011.

5. Citizen Comments.

Brian Marks, 261 N Cedar Street:

- There will be a suicide prevention gathering at the VFW Hall on Thursday January 26, 2017 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
- Many individuals are wondering how to fill the vacant Council seat. Mr. Marks was notified that a letter can be submitted to the Clerk to be considered for the vacant seat.

C. Reports and Communications

Public Safety Director Golat:

- Thank you to the Manistique Women's Club for their donation to the Manistique Public Safety Department to help pay for a new vehicle.

Manager Aldrich:

- Please see a picture of the proposed Marquette Avenue extension. This street was plotted to extend all the way to Elk. The engineering cost estimate for the project is approximately \$190,000. We are pursuing a grant through the Michigan Department of Agriculture And Rural Development (MDARD) that would be for the \$190,000 proposed cost with a City match of \$57,000. The grant application is due February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion.

**Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker**

**APPROVE the grant application for the extension of Marquette Avenue in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$190,000) with a City match of Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000) with an emphasis on using City sand for this project as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Hollister, Jeffcott**  
**No – None**

Councilmember Walker:

- There have been many volunteers who have shown up at the FolkFest meeting. Thank you to them and the Rec Board for taking on this endeavor.
- There will be a meeting this week with representatives from the Wind Symphony Orchestra to possibly return this summer.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.