

**January 25, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, January 25, 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

- A. There was a change noted on the agenda Item C2-Audit Review will be moved to the February 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting**
- B. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on January 11, 2020

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from January 11, 2021.**

Discussion

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

- C. New Business
  - 1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only
  - 2. Approval of MERS addendum

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: At our last meeting we had our MERS (Michigan Employment Retirement System) representative review the MERS program that the city has been apart of since 1981.

Our Representative had a phone conference call with us, and we went over the addendum line by line to assure it was correct. Once the clerk filled out the documents, they were sent to me to DocuSign and to get Council approval. Please find a copy of the addendum attached for your review. We will then need to return to MERS for their records.

Sheila:

- The addendum is to make sure the provisions that we use now are consistent with the provisions they have on file for us.
- The City started out in a B2 plan. Over the years the unions have asked for changes to be made during contract negotiations.
- The clerk will send a copy of these minutes to MERS to accompany the addendum.

**Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine**

**APPROVE the MERS addendum**

Discussion

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

- 3. Board Appointments

**Manager Sheila Aldrich** Memo: We have openings on some of our boards and have had an ad in the Tribune for a few weeks. Please find attached the letters of interest that we have received.

**Recreation Board**

- **Doug Smith**

The Recreation Board is a Mayor's appointment with approval of Council.

**DDA-2 openings**

- **Marie Sellars**
- **Mark Larche**

DDA is a Manager's appointment with approval of Council.

We will keep accepting letters of interest and bring them to Council if received.

Sheila-

- Remote meetings are only allowed through March 2021.
- Steve Mann was emailed due to Larche going to Florida for part of the winter and him changing his residence. Steve said there is nothing that prohibits him from being on the board, he still sits on the SSB board as well.
- Doug will work his schedule around the board meetings so he can be in attendance.
- Doug was the rec director for years and has been an active member on the board for over 10 years.
- The DDA had expressed that they wanted representation from the west side of town. The Sellers own an upholstery shop on the west side. Marie will be on the board if appointed and Merle would like to attend the meetings as well, but he is shy in nature.
- We will put position postings on the new website, we are always in need of people to serve on the boards.

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the appointment of Doug Smith to the Rec Board

Discussion

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

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE the appointment of Marie Sellers to the DDA Board

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

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVE the appointment of Mark Larche to the DDA Board

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

#### D. Reports and Communications.

- Shiner-Kim asked for Council input on things moving forward this summer so she could report these concerns to the Independence Day committee on Tuesday.
  - Council expressed that things could move forward safely and that they cannot just do nothing.
- Shiner expressed concerns with little jiggers coming up quickly and with Folkfest this summer. With the amount of planning and volunteering that takes place make these events successful the concerns of the pandemic are still there as well.
  - Discussion took place with Council, suggestions to scale things down and fishing in shifts were suggested to eliminate crowding and the possible need for more volunteers. The bathrooms would not be available at Little Bear this year. The Council also talked about putting a 50-kid limit with buckets and poles.
  - The Rec board will meet on February 1<sup>st</sup> and make a final decision and convey the concerns of the Council.
- Aldrich-Nick and DPW will help with anything they can, Nick did not feel comfortable asking for donations due to the economy during the pandemic.
- Aldrich-Nick will be taking a closer look into the outdoor rink tomorrow and will be running it by members of the rec board that expressed interest in helping.
- Aldrich mentioned that at one time there was a County wide rec board with a 5 yr. rec plan in place.
- Smith-some of the townships have set money aside for their residents to skate, Limestone Federal Credit Union and the Sault Tribe also have done similar things for their members.
- Shiner-thanked all the City employees, Troy's Auto, and the Rec department for all f their hard work
- Barr-talked in reference to Senate Bill 241-Water restoration Act. Corey explained and expressed his concern with the amount of people not paying their water bills and that

the money will be put on the taxes of the residents who owe on their bills. Corey will work with Sheila and Bruce and keep Council informed.

- Ecclesine-Congratulated Allyson Cook on her new position.
- Cook will start putting Council and Commissioner meetings on the Community calendar.
- Aldrich-Congratulated the Mayor and Schoolcraft Memorial hospital on their prompt Covid-19 vaccination responses.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE Meeting Adjournment

Discussion

Yes-All.

No=None

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:07p.m.

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Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

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Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse  
City Clerk