

January 9, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hollister, Hill, Walker, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski. Councilmember Furman was absent.

A. Minutes.

December 27, 2016

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the minutes of the December 27, 2016 meeting as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Hollister, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Furman

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Public Safety Lifesaving Awards.

Public Safety Director Golat memo. Please be advised that it is my intention to publicly recognize and give Lifesaving Awards to the following officers for their heroic actions to save the lives of others while placing themselves in extreme peril to accomplish their mission. Both incidents involve near drowning within the City of Manistique. The officers and dates to be recognized are as follows:

June 8, 2011/Lake Michigan Boardwalk at Range Street Beach:

Public Safety Officer Timothy C. Russell and Sault Tribe Officer Thomas Money will be recognized for saving the lives of Harry H. Norbotten and son Harry A. Norbotten.

August 4, 2016/Lake Michigan Boardwalk at Range Street Beach:

Public Safety Officers Sgt. Charles Willour, Officer Kevin Smith, Officer Eric Dombrowski, Paramedic/Firefighter Kyle Levin, Schoolcraft County Sheriff Deputies Paul Furman, Charity Potier, and Sault Tribe Police Officer Matthew Hunkele will be recognized for saving the lives of Kevin Ketchum and sons Aiden Ketchum, Nathan Ketchum.

It shall be sadly noted that Kevin Ketchum, the father of the two boys ultimately succumbed to the injuries sustained in this incident and he passed away several weeks later on August 17, 2016. However, his life was saved initially and it shall not detract from the heroism showed that date.

Public Safety Director Golat presented the Lifesaving Awards to officers Timothy Russell and Thomas Money for their lifesaving efforts on June 8, 2011.

Public Safety Director Golat presented Lifesaving Awards to officers Sgt. Charles Willour, Kevin Smith, Eric Dombrowski, Paramedic/Firefighter Kyle Levin, Schoolcraft County Sheriff Deputies Paul Furman, Charity Potier, and Sault Tribe Officer Matthew Hunkele for their lifesaving efforts on August 4, 2016.

3. Public Safety Vehicle Grant Public Hearing.

The public hearing opened at 7:23pm.

Public Safety Director Golat memo. The Manistique Public Safety Department has applied for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$23,000.00 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. The total amount of the expenditure for this project is \$42,240.00 with the City's match being \$19,240.00. With this funding assistance, we are seeking to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Police Tahoe/Special Services four wheel drive unit.

This grant is being sought to replace the Department's model year 2002 Ford Expedition which now has 95,000 miles on it (46-4). This vehicle has served us well but it is time to replace the unit due to its age, rusted condition, and the increasing repair costs to maintain the unit. This particular vehicle is a very important part of our emergency response for Police, Fire, and EMS duties. Not only does it serve as a semi-marked police patrol unit, it is a four wheel drive vehicle which will see a great deal of use by all

officers for emergency response in inclement weather, bad snow/ice conditions, as well as allowing access to the unimproved roads in the City and County of Schoolcraft. This particular unit is also used to tow the 24 foot Emergency Response Trailer, to emergency scenes as well as our ORV/Snowmobile Rescue Trailer with rescue-boggan and ORV.

Due to budget constraints, it has been determined that the only feasible way to purchase the new vehicle would be with USDA grant assistance. It is my intention to match this grant with funding from the fiscal year 2017 general fund budget along with monies held in our restricted Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Assistance Fund to supply the City match of \$19,240.00. It is a requirement of the USDA grant program that the City hold a public hearing on this grant request. Therefore, I have given public notification and have placed this item on the agenda for the regular Manistique City Council meeting scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The public hearing closed at 7:25pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Hill

APPROVE the application of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant application in the amount of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$23,000.00) with a match of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$19,240.00) for a new Manistique Public Safety patrol vehicle as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Hill, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Furman

Discussion.

4. MSHDA Mortgage Discharge.

Manager Aldrich memo. The MSHDA CDGB Program had been overseen by EDC in Schoolcraft County and the City of Manistique for many years. The program applied for and received many grants for home improvements. The City or County would be listed as a lien holder on the home. The sale of the home would require the City or County to sign off on the mortgage lien.

Please find attached the email from Naomi Fletcher who now oversees Schoolcraft County and the City of Manistique with these programs. Naomi has a home that a discharge needs to be acknowledged and the lien released by the city. Naomi has attached a copy of the release.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE Naomi Fletcher to oversee MSHDA Program home improvement loans for the City of Manistique.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Walker, Hill, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Furman

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the discharge of the mortgage and release the lien of Carrie Lockwood and allow the Mayor and City Manager sign off on the discharge as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Walker, Hill, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Furman

Discussion.

5. Resolution for Downtowner Liquor License.

Manager Aldrich memo. The Downtowner Restaurant would like to make application for the Redevelopment/Tavern license for their establishment from the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission. This would allow them to serve beer and wine in their establishment.

A requirement from the Liquor Control Commission is that the City Council approves the Downtowner making application. Please see a copy of the approval form that would need to go to the Liquor

Control so the Collinson's application could move forward.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE the resolution in support of the Downtowner Redevelopment/Tavern license with the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Hollister, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Furman

Discussion.

6. Councilmember Resignation.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached the letter of resignation from Councilman Paul Furman. Mr. Furman was elected to the office of Sheriff and can no longer serve on City Council. Please see Paul's letter attached. Our clerk will talk about the next step to fill that position.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Walker

ACCEPT the letter of resignation from Councilperson Furman as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Walker, Hill, Jeffcott

No – None

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE the advertising for the City of Manistique Councilmember opening with letters of interest accepted until February 22, 2017 at 3:00 pm. The appointment will then be made at the regularly scheduled Manistique City Council meeting of February 27, 2017.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Hollister, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

7. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- There has been interest by citizens regarding recycling. Zellar Sanitation takes several items not, but will look into other items they could recycle.
- The campground website will be up in the near future.
- Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Hill for working on the Visitor's Guide very extensively.
- There will be a FolkFest meeting held Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Councilmember Walker:

- As it is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, thank you again to our officers and their lifesaving efforts.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk