

November 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister, Walker, Hill, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski.

A. Minutes.

October 23, 2017

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting as presented.

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

No – None

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report.

Manager Aldrich memo. Kathleen Ciantar from Anderson Tackman will be at Council to present the city audit. The audit will cover the fiscal year 2017 which started July 1, 2016 and ended June 30, 2017.

Kathleen will cover each fund in detail with comments and recommendations.

Just a note for Council interest:

At the time of this memo, the audits had not yet arrived at City Hall. For your reference, please note on the bottom of page 17 that the General Fund ended FY 2017 with a Fund Balance of \$353,719.

It is a challenge and I give City employees and Council credit for providing as much service that we do for the community with limited resources. Everyone takes great pride and ownership in their community and continues to do more with less. For that I am very appreciative.

Kathleen Ciantar was present and reviewed the Audit Report with Council noting that the City received a clean opinion.

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

ACCEPT the fiscal year 2017 audit report as presented.

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

No – None

Discussion.

3. Request for Letter of Support on Flume Wall Removal.

Manager Aldrich memo. Jessica Barber is our contact person who has been keeping us up to date on the lamprey structure project. She has also been working with other agencies on a grant for work on removal of the flumes. Please find attached the information Jessica has provided us in regards to the projects.

Also find attached the request from Jessica Barber for a letter of support for a grant she is applying for removal of the flume walls. This is a project that she has been working on with several other agencies for quite awhile. Jessica has been to Council with information about the lamprey structure and has spoken about the flume wall removal as a future project.

Please also find her proposed letter of support detailing the removal and the project.

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Hill

APPROVE the letter of support for the flume wall grant requested from Jessica Barber as requested.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Hill, Shiner, Hollister, Jeffcott

No – None

4. Citizen Comments.

Mike Perilloux, 841 Garden Avenue, introduced himself and will start his term on Council in January.

Cathy Rohde, 241 New Delta Avenue, introduced herself and will start her term on Council in January.

Mike and Cathy were welcomed by Council.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- An update on the forestry discussion from previous meetings, we are waiting to hear from Soil Conservation to visit the sites.
- Larry Peterson, from the Historical Society, noted that Karl Bohnak will be in town to discuss his new book on Tuesday December 5th.

Councilperson Walker:

- Welcome again to the newly voted in Councilmembers.
- The jail committee is currently working on a jail study to determine the best way to go about improving the jail situation in Schoolcraft County

Mayor Pro Tem Hill:

- I am glad to see the handicap parking sign in the parking lot.

Mayor Jeffcott:

- It is nice to see the lights in the old water tower.

Councilmember Hollister:

- The Christmas Parade is Friday, November 24th at 6:00pm.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk