

**December 11, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Walker, Hill, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski. Absent were Councilmembers Shiner & Hollister.

**Moved by Councilmember Walker**

**Excuse Councilmembers Shiner & Hollister from the December 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 Council Meeting.**

**Motion dies due to lack of support.**

A.

1.) Minutes.

November 13, 2017

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent- Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

2.) Minutes.

November 20, 2017

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the November 20, 2017 special meeting as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent- Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Public Hearing – Public Safety USDA Grant Request for New Patrol Vehicle.

Mayor Jeffcott opened the public hearing for the Public Safety Grant Request at 7:03pm.

Mayor Jeffcott closed the public hearing for the Public Safety Grant Request at 7:04pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

Public Safety Director Ken Golat submitted a letter to council stating The Manistique Public Safety Department has applied for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. The total amount of the expenditure for this project is \$39,805.00 with the City's match being \$17,805.00. With this funding assistance, we are seeking to purchase a 2018 Fordx Utility Police Interceptor, all wheel drive, SUV.

This grant is being sought to replace the Department's model year 2006 Ford Crown Victoria four door sedan which now has 144,657 miles on it (46-3). 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. We are seeking to replace this vehicle with an all wheel drive Ford Interceptor SUV unit, similar to the one we have in service now (46-2). It should be noted that we will also be seeking additional grant assistance in the very near future to replace our two other aged Police Ford Crown Victorias, both of which have high mileage and significant repair issues.

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 loan assistance from a local financial institution to supply the City match of \$17,805.00. 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 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Discussion.

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

**Approve the Rural Development Grant request for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle with the City match \$17,805.00 as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent-Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

3. Public Hearing – Trader Bob’s Abatement Request.

Mayor Jeffcott opened the public hearing for the tax abatement request at 7:08pm.

Mayor Jeffcott closed the public hearing for the tax abatement request at 7:09pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached the tax abatement request for Trader Bob’s. The required designation was placed on the property making it eligible for the abatement request.

The abatement request is for a Commercial Facilities Exemption Certification. The request is for 12 years. This abatement request would go on to the State for final approval.

Discussion.

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

**APPROVE the tax abatement request for Commercial Facilities Exemption Certification for Trader Bob’s as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent- Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

4. Return of Funds on Discharged MSHDA Mortgage.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Council approved the discharge of a MSHDA mortgage at a prior meeting. Our Clerk is indicating that our motion should have been to return the funds to the mortgage holder who received the MSHDA grant and met the requirements of the grant program.

Discussion.

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

**APPROVE to return the funds to the mortgage holder who received the MSHDA grant and met the requirements of the grant program as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent- Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

5. Foreclosed properties from Schoolcraft County

Manager Aldrich Memo. Please find attached the list of foreclosed properties from the County Treasurer. The City has right of first refusal on these properties. I have attached the information describing these parcels. If the City were to acquire any of these parcels, we would need to catch taxes up to date. These parcels would also have to be kept for public use only.

Discussion.

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

**APPROVE to refuse all of the foreclosed properties offered to the City by the County Treasurer as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent- Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister**

6. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich: Previous City Clerk Jeff King has taken a job in Wisconsin, and Janell Irie is acting as clerk until a new clerk is hired. Mayor Jeffcott and Councilman Walker along with Manager Aldrich will be doing interviews this week and come back to council on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with a recommendation.

Councilperson Walker: Thanked the Water Plant Supervisor Corey Barr, Manager Aldrich, & Mayor Jeffcott for working hard getting the Rural Development funds together for the City's CSO Project.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

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Janell L. Irie, Acting City Clerk