

**February 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, February 13, 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 23, 2017

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting as presented.**

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

**No – None**

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Tobacco-Free Recreation Areas Resolution.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City and Council have been working with David Wesoloski from the Sault Tribe on creating tobacco-free recreation areas within the city. Please find a copy of the proposed resolution attached.

Discussion.

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

**APPROVE the Resolution to Adopt Tobacco-Free Outdoor Recreation Areas within the City of Manistique as presented.**

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

**No – None**

3. Road Request from Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

Manager Aldrich memo. Dan McKinney from Hiawatha Behavioral Health would like to address Council on the status of the request for the City of Manistique to assume the traveled portion of their property as a continuation of Lake Street.

Coleman had prepared a sketch of the road and properties around it for our last meeting with Hiawatha Behavioral Health. Please find a copy of it attached again. Coleman and our DPW and Water/Wastewater department heads will be at the meeting to discuss this request and to answer any questions Council might have on this matter.

Dan McKinney and board members of Hiawatha Behavioral Health presented their request for the City of Manistique to assume the continuation of Lake Street.

Discussion.

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

**NOT ACCEPT the Lake Street extension to be deeded to the City of Manistique by Hiawatha Behavioral Health as presented.**

**Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Jeffcott**

**No – Councilmembers Hollister, Walker**

Motion does not pass due to a tie vote.

4. TODS & Zoning Ordinances.

Manager Aldrich memo. Last meeting Council introduced the TODS (Tourist Oriented Directional Signs) ordinance along with a change to our existing Zoning Ordinance covering signs.

The TODS Program is run through Pure Michigan and would allow these signs in the city limits. We have indicated to MDOT that the ordinance would be sent to them when passed, so that they can accept applications for the signs.

## **ORDINANCE 321 OF 2017**

### **An Ordinance Regulating Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs**

#### **The City of Manistique Ordains:**

- **Section A - Provisions saved from repeal.**

Nothing in this ordinance shall repeal the provisions in Ordinance 299 of 2011. Such provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if set out fully herein.

- **Section B - Tourist-oriented directional signs.**

1. The city may permit tourist-oriented directional signs as defined by MCL 247.401 within its jurisdictional boundaries as provided by and pursuant to MCL 247.403(7).
2. An operator of a tourist-oriented activity who wishes to participate in a directional sign program under 1996 P.A. 299, as amended, and is applying for a sign that would reside within the boundaries of the city in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of 1996 P.A. 299 (MCL 247.402) shall submit the application for review by the city council or its designee.
3. The city council or its designee may approve or reject the placement of any tourist-oriented directional sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this section.
4. The city council may appoint a designee by resolution to approve or reject the placement of any tourist-oriented directional sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this section.
5. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, or who installs or causes to be installed a tourist-oriented directional sign without the approval of both the state department of transportation and the city council, shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction, punishable by a civil fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus costs, and if applicable, damages and expenses as provided by law. A municipal civil infraction action brought for any violation of this section shall follow the procedures set forth in Act No. 12, P.A. 1994, as amended, and a defendant charged with a municipal civil infraction violation shall have all of the rights, duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth therein.

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

**APPROVE the Ordinance Regulating Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs as presented.**

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

**No – None**

## **ORDINANCE 322 OF 2017**

### **An Ordinance Amending Section 609 of Ordinance 299 of 2011**

#### **Section 609 Exempt Signs**

##### **(B) Directional Signs**

Signs required for purposes of orientation when established by a

governmental agency.

1. The City of Manistique may permit tourist-oriented directional signs as defined by MCL 247.401 within its jurisdictional boundaries as provided by and pursuant to MCL 247.403(7)
2. The City Council may appoint a designee by resolution to approve or reject the placement of any tourist – oriented sign within its jurisdictional boundaries under the provisions of this ordinance.
3. All portions of Ordinance 299 of 2011 shall remain in full force and effect except as amended herein.
4. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication.

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

**APPROVE the Ordinance Amending Section 609 of Ordinance 299 of 2011, Exempt Signs, as presented.**

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

**No – None**

5. Property Designations Public Hearing.

Mayor Jeffcott opened the public hearing for the property designations at 8:02pm.

Mayor Jeffcott closed the public hearing for the property designations at 8:03pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

6. Property Designations Resolutions.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City has been identifying several parcels to be designated as tax abatement eligible properties for development. We have placed designations on several in the past and have identified a few more good candidates.

The parcels will each have their own resolution that you will find attached. Some of those properties include:

- Diamond Lights (the old Armory property)
- The Renze downtown location (old Creighton bldg.)
- People Store
- Trader’s Point lot

These properties will now be eligible for tax abatement requests. The abatement request would still need to come before City Council and then go on to the State Treasury Dept. for final approval.

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

**APPROVE resolution numbers 213171, 213172, 213173, 2131710 establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District for the properties of each resolution as presented.**

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

**No – None**

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

**APPROVE resolution numbers 213174, 213175, 213176, 2131711 establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District for the properties of each resolution as presented.**

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

**No – None**

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

**APPROVE resolution numbers 213177, 213178, 213179, 231712 establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the properties of each resolution as presented.**

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

7. Survey for MEDC Grant Eligibility.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City of Manistique has found out that we no longer qualify for MEDC Grants because we do not meet the “low income” status required for the program. This has happened to several Upper Peninsula communities.

We have asked MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) how we can challenge this designation. Their response is that we would need to do an income survey and send it on to them for reconsideration. A few U.P. communities have used Cuppad and have had the survey done. We requested an estimate from Cuppad on the cost of this service (please find copy attached).

We are asking Council permission to proceed with engaging Cuppad in this process. We need to get this designation changed in order to apply for and receive any MEDC, CDGB, INC, etc. grants. These are grant programs that we have used many times in the past and find very valuable.

Discussion.

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

**ALLOW the Mayor and City Manager to proceed with the survey to change the income status of the City of Manistique to be eligible for future Michigan Economic Development Corporation grants.**

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

Discussion.

8. Cuppad Board Appointment.

Manager Aldrich memo. The Cuppad Board (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development) has an opening on their board and has asked if the city would like to make an appointment to it. Please see email attached.

Council could designate an appointee and an alternate.

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

**APPOINT the City Manager to the Cuppad Executive Board with the City Clerk as an alternate as presented.**

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

9. Board & Commission Appointments.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City of Manistique has several openings on city appointed boards. The boards and letters of request are as follows:

Manistique Senior Board – 6 openings

- Joan Marie Brown
- Joanne Milavec
- Pam Beaudre
- Chris Rantanen
- Sally Schuetter

Manistique Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 regular, 2 alternates

- Barbara Pollis

Planning Commission – 2 regular, 3 alternates

- Janet Jeffcott
- Janet L. Helmbold

Recreation Board – 2 regular, 2 alternates

- Doug Smith
- Craig Savage

DDA – City Manager appointment – 2 openings

- Mark Larche
- Bill Hentschell

Mayor Jeffcott. Without objection I will appoint Joan Marie Brown, Joanne Milavec, Pam Beaudre, Chris Rantanen, and Sally Shuetter to the Manistique Senior Center Board. I will appoint Barbara Pollis to the Manistique Zoning Board of Appeals. I will appoint Janet Jeffcott and Janet Helmbold to the Planning Commission. I will appoint Doug Smith and Craig Savage to the Recreation Board.

No objections were heard.

Manager Aldrich. Without objection I will appoint Mark Larche and Bill Hentschell to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

No objections were heard.

10. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Corey Barr:

- Please see the FYI included in the packets regarding rural drinking water systems in America.

Kevin Trevillian gave an update on the campground project noting the contractor is working on the buildings. There is still much work to be done.

Discussion.

Councilmember Walker:

- The Wind Symphony Orchestra will be here this summer the same weekend as FolkFest.

Discussion.

Mayor Jeffcott:

- All are encouraged to attend the Z-Tec opening February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Kevin Trevillian:

- There is a grant opportunity for the Paul Bunyan Blanchard Park improvement that is due April 1<sup>st</sup> that a resolution will have to come before Council before the deadline.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

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Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk