

February 25, 2019

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perilloux, Walker, Shiner, and Rohde. Also present was City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski. Absent was Councilman Hollister.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE to excuse Councilman Hollister from tonight's council meeting as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Rohde, Shiner, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

A. Minutes.

February 11, 2019

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular council meeting as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Rohde, Shiner, Walker, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. DEQ Brownfield Grant Working with City on Project from Megan Webber.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Megan Webber from the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) would like to update Council on the Brownfield Program from the State and what she has been doing with the City and this program to help with two buildings and economic development here in the City.

Megan spoke with Council and explained the two projects that are currently being started here in the City. The first project is with the Creighton building for local artists. The second project being worked on is with the old Emerald City building. There is an interest in turning this building into a daycare.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE to allow the DEQ to move forward with the two projects as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Shiner, Walker, Rohde, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

3. Update from Manistique Housing Commission.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Kathy Schuetter is the director for the Manistique Housing Commission. The Housing Commission Board is appointed by the City Council and their operations are included in the city audit as a component unit.

Kathy would like to bring Council up to date on the many changes that have taken place at the

Manistique Housing Commission which includes merging with the Schoolcraft Housing Commission.

Please find some information attached that Kathy will be covering at the meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to pass the resolution as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Rohde, Shiner, Walker, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

4. Opt- Out Discussion and Ordinances.

Manager Aldrich Memo. For several weeks we have been discussing the marihuana issue and the possible effect on our Rural Development loans and grants. We had the Mayor from Hancock speak to us at length during the goal setting session. Hancock has placed an emergency ordinance in place to protect their qualified status at RD. Rural Development loans and grants come from the Federal level where marihuana is not legal and this time.

The City of Manistique is heavily dependent on Rural Development loans and grants to accomplish our water, sewer, and street projects. I feel that we need to continue the discussion and, like Hancock, take action to protect the City of Manistique.

Please find attached two ordinances prepared for Council to review and to introduce if desired.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to enact Ordinance 324 of 2019 finding of emergency as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Shiner, Rohde, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

5. Citizen Comments.

Alan Barr, 6176 W US HWY 2, Manistique, MI 49854, discussed the possibility of a competing EDC, and that it is not a good idea.

Cindy King, 219 S Cedar St. Manistique, MI 49854, discussed that there is a divide between the business community and City Hall in Manistique. Also, discussed that City leadership has a negative opinion on Alan Barr. Also, asked Council to vote no to a competing EDC.

Jennifer Watson, 944N Ash Rd. Manistique, MI 49854, discussed audits with the EDC. Also, City Council should tell City Leadership to stand down and if wanting to participate with the current EDC you're welcome to the table.

David Muxlow, 9384 W US HWY 2, Manistique, MI 49854, discussed the possibility of a competing EDC, and is not supportive.

Larry Peterson, 725 Cherry St. Manistique, MI 49854, discussed that the Historical Society has a great relationship with both the City and STC and would like everyone to start working together.

Bonnie Garvin, 98N Lake Dr. Manistique, MI 49854, discussed the disappointment with the negative feelings against Alan Barr.

C. Reports and Communications.

Manager Aldrich:

- Jen Tucker with the EDC will be at City Hall to meet the last Tuesday in March to discuss FUSSAD Grants.
- Sheila's office door is always open and welcomes anyone to come and talk with her.

Director Kenneth Golat:

- Thank you to the City DPW crew for all their hard work this winter.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Michael Perilloux, Mayor

Janell L. Irie, City Clerk