

**March 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, March 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.

February 27, 2017

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting as presented.**

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

**No – None**

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the March 7, 2017 special meeting as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Abstain – Councilmember Walker**

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the March 7, 2017 special meeting executive session as presented.**

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

**No – None**

**Abstain – Councilmember Walker**

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. City Council Vacancy Appointment.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached the letters of interest for the Council position to be filled. We have three letters of interest, please find copies attached.

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

**APPOINT Kimberly Shiner to the vacant Manistique City Council seat as presented.**

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

**No – None**

Kimberly Shiner was sworn in as the newly appointed member of the Manistique City Council. After being sworn in, Councilperson Shiner took her seat with Council.

3. Eagle Scout Presentation.

Manager Aldrich memo. Brendan Slater will be at Council with an Eagle Scout project presentation seeking Council approval. Please find email from Brendan attached.

The mile markers on the boardwalk have been in need of repair for quite awhile, and I relayed to Brendan that we certainly appreciated his desire to repair or replace them.

Brenda Slater presented his plan to replace missing and damaged signs on the boardwalk with donated material. He was asking for City approval to proceed with the project.

Discussion.

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

**APPROVE** Brendan Slater's request to replace damaged or missing signs on the boardwalk as presented.

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

4. 4-H Presentation.

Manager Aldrich memo. The local representatives for the 4-H program will be at our meeting to talk about what they are offering in Schoolcraft County. Mr. Jim Lucas and Mrs. Jill Connin will be the representatives at the meeting.

Please find some pamphlets and information attached covering some of the things they will be speaking about.

Jill Connin, 4-H Program Coordinator, presented the projects 4-H is working on with local students growing produce. They also have several clubs throughout the County.

Jill also noted they are pursuing a DEQ grant for recycling education and needs a governmental entity as a pass through for the grant.

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

**ALLOW** the City of Manistique to be the pass through governmental entity to the DEQ recycling education grant as presented.

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

Clerk King. Item 5 "Tax Abatement Request" needs to be changed to "Tax Abatement Request & Public Hearing" as that is what it was advertised for in the paper.

5. Tax Abatement Request & Public Hearing.

Mayor Jeffcott opened the public hearing for the tax abatement request at 7:19pm.

Mayor Jeffcott closed the public hearing for the tax abatement request at 7:20pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

Manager Aldrich memo. Liz Douglas from Blue Mystique has requested a tax abatement for her new business to be located on Trader's Point Drive. Please find a copy of it attached. The designation needed has been placed on her property by Council at a prior meeting. Our assessor has completed the portion of the form required and it is now ready for Council review.

This abatement request would go on to the State for final approval once it has gone through Council.

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

**APPROVE** the tax abatement request from Blue Mystique LLC for parcel numbers 051-705-006-00 & 051-705-007-00 as presented.

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

6. M94 Project Reimbursement Request.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached a reimbursement request for the MDOT Project. The amounts include:

Water	\$6,867.76
Sewer	2,830.26

These requests will go on to Rural Development for final approval.

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

**APPROVE** the M94 Water Improvement Project reimbursement request in the amount of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$6,867.76) as presented.

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

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

**APPROVE the M94 Sewer Improvement Project reimbursement request in the amount of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$2,830.26) as presented.**

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

7. New Public Safety Patrol Vehicle Bid Recommendation.

Public Safety Director Golat memo. This letter is to advise you that the United States Department of Rural Development has awarded the City the patrol vehicle grant and authorized us to advertise for bids for the purchase of a 2017 Police Tahoe Patrol Vehicle. Per the proper procedure, the City of Manistique did advertise and bids for the vehicle were opened at 2:00pm, Friday, March 10, 2017 at Manistique City Hall.

After reviewing the bids received I will make my recommendation to City Council for the purchase of this vehicle at the regular City Council meeting being held Monday, March 13, 2017.

Public Safety Director Golat presented the bids as follows:

- 1) Berger Chevrolet \$38,360.00
- 2) Curran Chevrolet 38,995.00

After review of the bid specs it was discovered that the bid from Curran Chevrolet did not meet bid spec and was missing several installed pieces of police equipment which would have amounted to approximately \$2,500.00.

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

**ACCEPT the bid proposal from Berger Chevrolet for the purchase of a new Public Safety 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and No Cents (\$38,360.00) as presented.**

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

8. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City of Manistique Planning Commission has a vacancy. Please find the letter attached for that open position.

This position is an appointment by the Mayor with Council approval.

Mayor Jeffcott. Without objection I will appoint Allan Ott a regular member to the Planning & Zoning Commission. No objections were heard.

9. Citizen Comments.

Jim Lucas, MSU Extension Coordinator, thanked Council for the invitation to present the 4-H programs at the meeting.

Mike Powers, 93N County Road 441, Manistique, MI 49854, discussed the events happening in our community, how he has been a part of the Recreation Department for many years, and how he is looking forward to the opportunity for the Recreation Department in the recently acquired Chamber of Commerce building.

Manager Aldrich asked Mr. Powers to discuss the Blanchard Park project. Mr. Powers discussed working with the Elks and Habitat for Humanity on the park improvements which include restoring the Paul Bunyan statue that was previously there.

Jennifer Watson, 944N Ash Road, Manistique, MI 49854 discussed how she had tried to reach out to the City in the past.

Joseph Norman, 318 Deer Street, Manistique, MI 49854, accused the City of Manistique of violating

laws.

Kristi King, 441 N Houghton Avenue, Manistique, MI 49854 thanked Council for the opportunity in the Chamber building. She also thanked Mike Powers for all his work in this community.

Doug Erickson, 445 Delta Avenue, Manistique, MI 49854, inquired if the new welcome/visitor center will be run with volunteers or paid employees. Mike Powers addressed the question.

Kevin Knaffla, 5350N M94, expressed disappointment in how the City acquired the Chamber of Commerce building.

#### C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- The next meeting of the City Council will be a goal setting session at the Comfort Inn from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.
- The website for the campground will be open for reservations in the near future.
- At a MDOT meeting at the Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway it was decided that a scenic byway would be in place from St. Ignace to Thompson. It will be featured in the Michigan driving guide.

Councilmember Walker:

- With this being the first year the City has Folkfest, all of the music acts have been booked. Also, the Wind Symphony Orchestra will be in town that same weekend and this will be the last year they have the orchestra.

Discussion.

Sally Musson requested to address Council and her request was granted. Sally expressed her hope to see the various groups working together again.

Public Safety Director Golat discussed Public Safety being called to the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He noted that there were four separate calls requesting police and when Manistique Public Safety is called to a location they reaction and then assess the situation when they arrive.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

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Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk