

**March 22, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, March 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers: Ecclesine, Rohde, Johnson, Perilloux and Shiner. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Bruce Plackowski.

A. Agenda of the City Council Meeting of March 22, 2021

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE the agenda of the Regular City Council meeting from March 22, 2021**

Discussion

**Yes-Shiner, Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux  
No-None**

B. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting March 8, 2021

**Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Approved by Councilmember Johnson**

**APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2021**

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Johnson, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner  
No-None**

C. New Business

1. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments

2. RRC Update from Christopher Germain

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

Christopher Germain from MEDC will be at our meeting to update Council on the changes to the RRC (Redevelopment Ready Program). Christopher attended one of our recent meetings to first describe the program, the benefits it would bring to the city and the requirements needed from us. The program has changed, and he will bring us up to speed on the new requirements.

Christopher Germain

- There have been big changes to the RRC Program, it is now called RRC 2.0
- There are new options available, the training is free and voluntary for communities
- There are two potential destinations: Essentials (which focuses on 4 phases) & Certified (Which focuses on 6 phases)
- A community can decide to become Essential and then later work from the Essentials to the Certified status
- Communities that move forward with the processes have prioritization
- Manistique is in the middle and are now in Phase 4, we are also 22% towards Essential and 13% towards Certification
- When choosing which process to work towards we encourage a community think of these four things: Capacity, Benefits, Maintenance, Reason for Participation
- It takes a village (Everyone needs to come to the table), Prioritization, and keeping in mind that this is a long-term project
- Next steps are to determine which designation your city would like to be, choosing three things to work on, complete those and chose three more till complete

**Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE To move forward with the Essentials Level of the RRC**

Discussion

**Yes-Ecclesine, Rohde, Johnson, Perilloux, Shiner**  
**No-None**

3. Website Review with SineTech

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

Mike Hoar from Sinetech will be at our meeting to preview and show us the new website. We have been working at adding and editing things for the past few weeks and would like to have a soft opening in April.

Mike Hoar

- This project was started in November
- We will need to designate someone to do the blog posting and monitor the email subscription list
- We would like to do a publish date on Friday at the close of the business day

4. Bids for CGA on 238 S. Cedar Rental Rehab

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

As part of the Rental Rehab Grant through MEDC, we are required to retain a CGA (Certified Grant Administrator). We advertised an RFP for this project and have received 3 bids. Please see the attached bids

- This parcel is owned by Zane Floyd
- We are already using CUPPAD for the River Street project

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE to accept the bid by CUPPAD for the MEDC Rental Rehab Grant Administrator**

Discussion

**Yes-Shiner, Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux**  
**No-None**

5. Public hearing on Tax Abatement for 230 Arbutus

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

This is a public hearing for a Commercial Rehabilitation tax abatement application on 230 Arbutus Ave. Please find the abatement request attached. The application also includes all information required by the State and describes the project.

The application has been advertised and public noticed to include this required public hearing. This application has gone to the city assessor and will go on to the State for final approval

- A public hearing is required
- We had made that a rehab district last year
- Our assessor has signed off on this and then it comes to Council, the clerk signs off and then it goes to the State
- An abatement caps the taxes for 10 years and allows the monies to be put back into that business's growth

**Moved by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE to accept the Tax Abatement for 230 Arbutus Avenue**

Discussion

**Yes-Johnson, Rohde, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner**  
**No-None**

6. Resolution for Local Support of 911 Funding from Director Golat

Director Golat Memo:

On December 27, 2020, new federal legislation was signed into law that requires that Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to take action to help address the diversion of 911 fees by states and other jurisdictions for purposes unrelated to 911. Section 902 of the new legislation directs the FCC to issue final rules within 189 days defining what uses of 911 fees by states and

taxing jurisdictions constitute 911 fee diversion.

These proposed rule changes are of grave concern to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan 911 Authority and our local Schoolcraft County 911 Committee. Specifically, the new proposed FCC rules would eliminate the utilization of 911 funds for radio infrastructure, mobile radios, portable radios, pagers, automatic vehicle location systems and mobile data computers critical to dispatching our 911 response. These purchases are currently specifically defined as allowable by State of Michigan law and are strictly followed by the Schoolcraft County 911 Committee.

Therefore, it is critical that the status quo be maintained whereby local 911 funds can continue to be utilized for the purchase of these items which are extremely expensive and necessary for the life saving services provided by our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service providers. These items have been historically provided by our local 911 funding and the City of Manistique budget, along with other community's budgets in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

I would request that you review the proposed resolution of support for continued local decision making and local control regarding 911 fees. If adopted, this resolution would be forwarded to our Upper Peninsula 911 Authority for submission to the FCC.

- Schoolcraft County has its own 911 fund
- Some municipalities were putting funds into their general funds
- This resolution will go to the SCC and ask for less restrictions with spending money

**Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded Councilmember Shiner**

**APPROVE to Adopt Resolution for 911 for diversion of funding**

Discussion

**Yes-Ecclesine, Shiner, Rohde, Johnson, Perilloux  
No-None**

7. Change Order and Pay Request on Marina Project

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

We are coming to the close on our marina project. Please find an application for payment and a change order attached. Both have been prepared by Coleman Engineering and will go on to the State Waterways for review

The change order is in the amount of \$7,219.18. The application for payment is in the amount of \$ 96,881.59 supporting documentation has been attached for both requests.

- The change order put together by Coleman Engineering is for changes to sidewalks, fuel station, sanitation etc.
- The Pay request is from Olsen & Olsen for the Marina

**Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Perilloux**

**APPROVE the Change order in the amount of \$7, 219.18 for Marina Project**

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Perilloux, Ecclesine, Johnson, Shiner  
No-None**

**Moved by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE the Payment Request from Olsen & Olsen for the Marina Project in the amount of \$96,881.59**

Discussion

**Yes-Johnson, Rohde, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner  
No-None**

8. Per Diem for Rec, Zoning, Appeals Board Members

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

Our Rec Board, Planning Board and Appeals Board have given freely of their time for many

years. We feel that it would be appropriate to reimburse them for this time and effort. We would like to open it up for discussion at the meeting.

- Boards have gone to meetings on their own time, and we are having trouble getting people to commit
- Zoning has 5 members; the Rec board has 5 members and 2 alternates and meet once time a month. The Board of Appeals has 4 members and meet 3 times a year.
- We have discussed a stipend in the amount of \$25.00 or \$35.00 a month for these members
- This money would come out of the general fund

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson**

**APPROVE Stipend of \$35.00 per month for committee members in attendance**

Discussion: There was much discussion of how much the stipend should be and if Councilmembers sitting on these boards would also be eligible for a stipend.

**Yes-Shiner, Johnson, Ecclesine, Rohde, Perilloux**  
**No-None**

9. Appointment of Troy Bassett to Rec Board

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

We have an opening on our Rec Board for an alternate. Troy Bassett has expressed an interest in serving on that board. Please see his email correspondence attached. He would serve in an alternate capacity. These appointments come from the Mayor with Council approval.

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson**

**APPROVE the appointment of Troy Bassett to the Rec Board**

Discussion

**Yes-Shiner, Johnson, Ecclesine, Rohde, Perilloux**  
**No-None**

10. Appointment of Kim Shiner to Planning Commission

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo:

The Planning Commission is a board of 5 members. They currently have 3 members and one alternate. There is much to do on Planning along with the RRC Program. They really need to have a full board.

Our Mayor has been attending their meetings and has been participating, but without being a member, cannot vote. The public act that regulates planning commissions allows a council person on the board.

I would very much like to see our Mayor, if she is willing, become an appointment member of that board.

**Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine**

**APPROVE the Appointment of Kim Shiner to the Planning Commission**

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux**  
**No-None**  
**Abstain-Shiner**

D. Reports and Communications

- Aldrich- Brought up the FYI about the Historical Society event and the Manistique Senior Center financials
- Aldrich-Received an email from a Rec member about a grant to refurbish a ball field
- Shiner-Sent information about the open meetings act to everyone. April 1<sup>st</sup> meetings will be in open session
- Shiner- Stc is working on a spring clean up and she would like the council to become involved

- Aldrich-talked about working out an office schedule to slowly integrate office staff back into the office
- Aldrich-Carmeuse/Graymont have chosen to work on the boardwalk as their community project this year
- Rohde-Earth day is coming up in April
- Aldrich-West break wall work will be done by The Army Corp of Engineers

**Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner**

**APPROVE meeting adjourn**

Discussion

**Yes-ALL**

**No-None**

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

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Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse  
City Clerk