

March 09, 2020

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, March 9, 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.

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on February 10, 2020

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from February 10, 2020

Discussion

Yes-Rohde, Johnson, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner

No-None

- B. New Business

1. Citizen Comments Regarding

There were no citizen comments

2. DPW Snowplow Truck/Sweeper

Manager Sheila Aldrich memo: Our oldest DPW snowplow trucks were purchased in 2003, Our sweeper was purchased in 1998. We have had a hard time finding parts for these pieces of equipment and have rebuilt them many times. We are looking for Council approval to get bids on these items and bring the information back to Council for review. We would be looking at replacing one snowplow truck and the sweeper.

Sheila: The truck is aging and has had much work done to it with several rebuilds, it would not be cost effective to haul this truck down to another shop for further repairs. It is so much more convenient to have someone local to go to for parts and needed repairs. And maintenance. we will be looking at not only cost, availability and time effectiveness when making this much needed purchase. We have found that in the past if we ask the local dealerships to give us their best price and bring them back to the Council, then it goes in the paper and then it goes up for bids and then people will bid just a little bit lower price. This is how we would like to move forward with this purchase as well.

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVED the request to obtain bids for a new DPW snowplow truck/sweeper

Discussion

Shiner: The street sweeper is essential to the water/sewer plant as well. This keeps the sand and other rubbish from hitting the plant. The funding for this purchase will come from the Water/Sewer I & O fund and from the General Fund.

Perilloux: Agreed that this machine has seen better days and needs to be replaced

Ecclesine: commented that on the new truck there will be a wing for snow plowing and a salt spreader to make the winter plowing more effective.

Yes-Perilloux, Ecclesine, Rohde, Johnson, Shiner

No-None

3. Senior Center Board Changes

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find the enclosed letter from Jennifer VanDyck in regard to the discrepancies in their board appointment terms. Jennifer has done the research and is asking Council approval on the revised terms.

Jennifer VanDyck: I put a lot of work and research into putting together the most up to date list of board members available. Upon doing this I spoke with former Mayor Perilloux and Sheila and asked what the best way to go about resolving the issue of term limits with them.

I am asking that you absolve the prior board members so that the new board members can be appointed with the correct term year, based on the current list.

Shiner: Joan and I sorted through the documentation that was provided to us and realize there were appointments made to the Senior Center Board by Council in 2018 and that recently the Council made appointments to the board and the appointments were for 2- and 4-year terms When they should have been 3-year terms

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

**APPROVE the resignation of the board members noted in the documentation
Provided by Jennifer VanDyck Director of the Senior Center**

Discussion

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

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

**Approve the amendments put forth by Director VanDyck to extend the terms of the
List provided**

Discussion

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

4. Rescheduling of the March23, 2020 City Council Meeting

Aldrich: Due to the majority of the Council scheduled to be at the MML Conference that would Leave us without a quorum. We would like to reschedule this Council meeting for the following Monday, March 30, 2020

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

Discussion

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

C. Reports and Communications

- Perilloux thanked Jennifer VanDyck for the reading material
- Ecclesine: Would like the board to look at the rules and procedures that were passed, each take a section and read through it so we can adjust and bring it back to the council at the next meeting.
- Shiner: two letters of resignation that need to be put on the next agenda
- Shiner: Michigan Zoning and Planning commission will be looking for interests to fill those seats
- We would like to make these appointments, terms and updates easier to manage
- Shiner: Commended the Recreation department on the great job they did with putting on Snofest this year
- Shiner: Updated everyone about information on the Coronavirus
- Aldrich: Explained that we almost did not have Little Jiggers and Thanked Troy's Automotive for stepping up and saving this event.
- Shiner: please read through the Master Plan when you have a chance, this is important in moving our City along with the Redevelopment Readiness Planning