

April 10, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister, Hill, Walker, and Jeffcott. Also present was City Manager Aldrich.

A. Minutes.

March 27, 2017

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE the minutes of the March 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

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

No – None

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. City Election Update.

Clerk King memo. In recent years the City of Manistique followed the State guidelines of the primary election process for the election of City Council members. This timeline requires nominating petitions to be filed in late April.

Before 2013, the City followed a different State guideline that did not require a primary election. This timeline requires nominating petitions to be filed in late July.

An inquiry was made to the Bureau of Elections regarding this matter and they determined, in their opinion, since the City's Charter does not specify the need for a primary election, candidates can file directly to appear on the November election ballot per approval of the City Attorney. (See email #1 attached.)

After discussing this with City Attorney Plackowski, he agreed with the assessment from the Bureau of Elections and rendered an opinion on the matter. (See email #2 attached.)

I am requesting that Council formally adopt this timeline without the need for a primary for City Council elections. A primary would simply reduce the number of candidates that would appear on the November ballot. Even small elections are very costly and the added expense of a primary could be fiscally burdensome.

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the State election guidelines that do not require a primary election for City of Manistique Councilmember elections as presented.

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

No – None

3. Designation of People Authorized To Mediate On Behalf Of City.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City will be mediating with mBank on the sale of the chamber building. The city will need to authorize two people to mediate on behalf of the city.

The city attorney has suggested that Council authorize someone now so that as soon as we are contacted the mediation can commence.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPOINT City Manager Aldrich and Councilperson Hollister as mediators on behalf of the City of Manistique with regards to the former Chamber of Commerce building with an alternate if necessary. Also appoint Mike Powers as an advisor for the mediation.

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

4. Recreation Board Appointment.

Manager Aldrich memo. The City of Manistique had openings on the following Board:

Recreation Board – 2 Alternates

- 1 letter of interest received
 - Eric Sherbinow

Please find attached the letter of interest for the Recreation Board. Recreation Board is appointed by the Mayor with Council's approval.

Mayor Jeffcott. Without objection I will appoint Eric Sherbinow as an alternate to the Recreation Board. No objections were heard.

5. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- Congratulations to CBC for another successful year.

Councilperson Walker:

- Just a reminder that there will be Folkfest meeting on Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Jeffcott:

- Welcome to Councilperson Shiner.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk