

April 24, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Shiner, Hollister, Hill, Walker, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski.

A. Minutes.

April 10, 2017

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting as presented.

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

No – None

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Fourth of July Activities from Fourth of July Committee.

Manager Aldrich memo. Sharon Syers from the Fourth of July committee will be at Council to update us as to the activities the committee would like to undertake for the Fourth celebration. Sharon has indicated that they would like to have their activities in the marina. Some of the activities that they would like to have there would include:

- 3 bands
- Vendors
- Elks would like to have a beer garden

Sharon will be here to answer any questions Council might have.

Sharon Syers shared the groups plan noting the following:

- The group putting together these activities is separate from the Fourth of July Committee.
- They plan to have activities from after the parade until fireworks.
- They will carry their own insurance policy for the activities.

Discussion.

3. Charter Franchise Contract.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached our proposed renewal on our Charter 10 yr. contract. This contract is essentially the same terms as the one just ending that was put in place June of 2007. Please note the franchise fee of 5% that is paid to the city on page 4 of the contract. This is the same fee that we have received in the past.

Don Gladwell from Charter will attend to review the contract at the meeting and answer questions.

Mr. Gladwell noted that the contract is the same as the previous except for the amendment from the last contract which raised the fee to 5%. The amendment is no longer needed as the fee will be 5%. Mr. Gladwell also noted that Charter will no longer be airing the CBC telethon.

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Hill

APPROVE the Charter Communications franchise contract for ten (10) years at five percent (5%) as presented

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

No – None

4. Property Designations Public Hearing.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached resolutions for designation for properties that

have been determined that might be eligible for tax abatements. Some of these designations came at the request of the owner or potential owner. The designations would be applied to:

- The old Barnes Hotel
- The current State Farm building
- ACE Hardware

What the designation does is make these parcels eligible for tax abatements. The owner would still need to apply for the abatement; it would need to go through Council and on to the State for final approval.

Mayor Jeffcott opened the public hearing for the property designations at 7:13pm.

Mayor Jeffcott closed the public hearing for the property designations at 7:14pm.

No comments were brought forth from the public.

5. Property Designation Resolutions.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE resolution numbers 424171, 424172, 424173 establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District, Commercial Rehabilitation District and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property number 051-006-021-00 as presented.

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

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE resolution numbers 424174, 424175, 424176 establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District, Commercial Rehabilitation District and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property number 051-700-321-00 as presented.

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

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE resolution numbers 424177, 424178, 424179 establishing a Commercial Redevelopment District, Commercial Rehabilitation District and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property numbers 051-700-319-00, 051-700-320-00, 051-700-406-00 as presented.

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

Discussion.

6. MDOT Scenic Byways Resolution.

Manager Aldrich memo. We have been working with the Naubinway community and MDOT on a Pure Michigan Scenic Byway Designation grant for US2 from St. Ignace to Thompson. This byway would be listed in the MDOT Driving Guide and would be signed with some very attractive signage.

The application is just being prepared, and we have been asked to supply a resolution of support for the project. Please find a copy of it attached for your review. I have attended three meetings working on this grant and project, and we hope to have it submitted soon.

Discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE resolution number 4241710 for the support of the MDOT Scenic Byway from St. Ignace to Thompson as presented.

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

7. Foreclosed Properties from the County.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find attached the list of foreclosed properties from the county treasurer. The city has right of first refusal on these parcels. We have indicated whether these parcels are homes or lots.

Please keep in mind, that pursuant to new regulations, the city would need to pay the taxes and that these parcels would need to be kept for public use.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

REJECT the parcels being deeded over to the City of Manistique from Schoolcraft County foreclosures located within the City of Manistique.

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

No – None

8. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

- There were no Reports and Communications.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk