

**April 27, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, April 27, 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 March 10, 2020

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

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

**Yes-Johnson, Rohde, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner**

**No-None**

- B. New Business

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only

- o Thomas TeVelde-Michigan Avenue, Manistique

2. Tax Abatement Request for Wyatt Investments

Manager Sheila Aldrich memo: Wyatt Investments is owned by Zane Floyd. Zane has made and will be continuing to make a significant investment to the properties known as the Downtowner. Zane has been working with the city on meeting the requirements of the abatement request. The request has gone to the accessor and been approved by Derek. As with prior abatements granted, this does not lower the current taxes, but freezes them at the current amount for up to 12 years. This abatement request will if approved by the Council go to the State for final approval prior to being issued.

Zane Floyd: I want to relocate my carpet store to one side of the building and on the other side we want to open a nice boardwalk bar and grill, this will give everyone a nice place to sit and eat. I want to make it look pretty for the community. It cost a lot of money to make things look nice and I am hoping for the tax abatement to help with this. I have been here for 14 year trying to fix buildings up and make them look better.

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

**APPROVE the abatement for Wyatt Investment dated April 21, 2020**

Discussion

**Yes-Perilloux, Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Shiner**

**No-None**

3. Request to Revise Tavern License Approval from Yooper Fitness

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find attached an email and forms from Tiger Marcotte, the owner of Yooper Fitness. Council recently passed a Tavern License for Tiger; he is asking that we revise his approval to fit his revised request and the new form. Tiger is requesting that we approve the newly modified request, as he has another person joining, he and Emily in their business.

Sheila: Tigers mother in law has asked to join them in the business. This form will then go on to the State.

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

**APPROVE The amend the tavern license to include Holly Jo Smith and Brian Eleinich**

Discussion: Ecclesine asked for clarification of what they will be doing with the building, also asking for clarification of names on application.

**Yes-Rohde, Johnson, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner**

**No-None**

4. Reimbursement Request from F & A Industrial

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find attached reimbursement request from F & A Industrial. This request covers the materials for the project that are stored in the city pit on Lakeside Rd. F & A is also requesting a portion of the mobilization cost incurred when they brought equipment here. This request will then go to Rural Development for their review and approval before they direct the funds to the city to pay F & A

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

**APPROVE The reimbursement of \$219,910.09 for water to F & A Industrial**

Discussion

**Yes- Ecclesine, Shiner, Rohde, Johnson, Perilloux**

**No-None**

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

**APPROVE the reimbursement of \$388,111.73 for sewer to F & A Industrial**

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux, Shiner**

**No-None**

5. Discussion and Update on Projects

A. Oak and Cherry Street Projects (Semco gas lines part of the project)

Sheila:

- F & A Industrial were going to start first and Woleske was going to follow, right away there was trouble with the virus and the state as far as what essential projects were. Semco is a part of the project and is replacing gas lines into the homes, and then later run permanent lines as well. Semco did not want to go into the homes, nor did the people want them in their homes due to the virus. A meeting was held with me, Corey, Bruce the Mayor, F & A Industrial and Semco. It was agreed upon that the project would start after the Governor's ban has been lifted

Scott:

- There has been a lot of talk as to what to do now. This stop work order is affecting F & A industrial more than Woleski due to the start date, F & A and Semco are calling daily asking when they can start work. They are seeing other construction projects moving ahead. This mornings phone call with Semco is their request is to allow them to come into town in the next two weeks and start doing some of the work with the CSO project, any of the work that does not include them going into houses. F & A Industrial's concern is if this keeps getting delayed that they need a firm yes or no about this project. They would like to start work May 18<sup>th</sup>. They will have a Covid-19 safety plan in place. The concern is that if we tell them no, they most likely will go out and find other work.

Corey:

- There is a possibility that if we go past May 18<sup>th</sup>, F & A could pull out for most of the summer, this will complicate Woleski's portion of the project since they will be coordinating together on some of the project. We are at a point that we could allow them to come in and work on the main gas line and F & A will start immobilizing on the 11<sup>th</sup> and start work on May 18<sup>th</sup>. If things get pushed off drastically, we may not get to an appropriate stopping point to get the first coat of hma down before winter.

- After much discussion from the City Council, Sheila, Ken, Scott and Corey the decision was made to have immobilization start on May 18, 2020 and let the ground work begin on May 25, 2020 with the understanding that the Council would like to see the Covid-19 safety plan that will be implemented and pending any changes in the Governor's orders.

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

**APPROVED to allow F & A Industrial to start immobilization to start on May 18, 2020 and start groundwork on May 25, 2020 if there are no changes To the Governor's order that a Covid-19 safety plan is presented to the Council**

**Amended to include Woleske in the motion**

Discussion

**Yes-Rohde, Ecclesine, Johnson, Perilloux, Shiner**

**No-None**

**B. Marina**

Sheila: The marina is a Water Way Grant funded project we received notification that we have to stop any work that was being done there and also the restrooms at the Marina and Westside Boat Launch have to remain closed. A halt has been put on all funding at this time. Egle and the State says we cannot open any of these bathrooms and that they must be kept locked, we cannot rent slips at the Marina, we cannot rent out broadside docking, or have electricity on, we also cannot charge for boat launch passes. We cannot get the porta potties in either. We must wait for the State to give us the go ahead.

**C. Campground**

Sheila: We received notification from the State and the Health Department stating we cannot allow people in the campground. The only way we could allow people in the campground is if they called it their residence and received mail there. We do not allow this. We have had to call people that had reservations for May 1-May 14 and have given refunds and left the people who have reserved for May 15 on. It is a wait and see game. The guys are starting to clean up.

**D. Campground Shoreline**

Sheila: Last Monday I received a call from Director Golat about the condition of the campground. The pads were eroded, and the campground looked worse than it had before. Sheila spoke with Nick and Coleman. The decision was made to do something internally. Nick is in the process of renting two excavators to do some of the work. The permit from the Army Corp of Engineers work that they required was impossible for us to do internally. Nicks crew will do what they can with the dollars they can and repair the pads and put new sections of pads in place where repair is not adequate. The bids for this project had come in high, by doing this internally it is saving us dollars and putting our workforce to good use.

Director Golat: The condition of the campground changes daily. He feels that the rock work that Nick did last year and is doing this year has been effective. In Director Golat's opinion if we do not do something, we will have no lake sites left.

**c. Reports & Communications**

- Mike Powers: Music in Manistique has \$4000.00 and some sponsors to work with for Music in Manistique and wanted feedback on keeping this program going through the summer, while promoting social distancing. The Council was in agreeance to move forward with this activity
- Folkfest: The Mayor asked for input as to what other communities are doing, Mr. Powers gave an update on what other communities are doing. The thought is that social distancing would be impossible to do at a festival. The Council's suggestion is to cancel early enough so people will know ahead of time
- Cathi Rohde: extended a thank you for the use of the Little Bear West Arena, they have sent out over six thousand meals already
- Zane Floyd: thanked the Council for the help with the abatement and stated he would be willing to help in any way, as cheap as he could with disinfecting any areas in the City.
- Mayor Shiner: reminded everyone of the food truck coming to town

- Mayor Shiner: Pure Michigan has a campaign uniting Michigan against the Covid-19
- Mayor Shiner: thanked everyone for all they are doing during this epidemic
- Sheila Aldrich asked if in the next few meetings when doing budgets if the Council preferred to do them all together or split them up between meetings. The Council decided to do them all at once.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

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Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse  
City Clerk