

April 9, 2018

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Walker, Shiner, Hollister, Perilloux and Rohde. Also present was City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski.

A. Minutes.

March 26, 2018

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Hollister

APPROVE the minutes of the March 26, 2018 regular meeting as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Hollister, Shiner, Perilloux

No – None

Absent-Councilmember Rohde

Councilmember Rohde arrived at 7:03PM.

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Repassage of Municode Ordinance.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Please find attached the Municode Ordinance that Council passed at a prior meeting. Through an oversight on our part, we did not meet the 10 day guideline to get it published in the local paper. We need to run it through Council again. I apologize for the oversight.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE to re-pass the Municode Ordinance effective today April 9, 2018 as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Shiner, Walker, Hollister, Rohde, Perilloux

No – None

3. Property Designation on 331 Deer St.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Please find attached the proposed designations for the property at 331 Deer known as the former Good Neighbor's building. We have had a request for these designations from a potential buyer.

As with the prior designations on other buildings, this makes the building eligible for tax abatements. The owner would still need to fill out an application and come to Council for the abatement. If approved by Council, it would then need to go on to the State Treasury for final approval.

Parcel 051-062-001-00

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE parcel number 051-062-001-00, 331 Deer St. to be designated as a Commercial Redevelopment District, Commercial Rehabilitation District, and Commercial Obsolete Rehabilitation District as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Shiner, Walker, Hollister, Rohde, Perilloux
No – None

3. MERS Waiver Request.

Manager Aldrich memo. Public Act 202 (please find copy attached) requires municipalities to file a plan for increasing the amount in their MERS (Michigan Employee Retirement System) retirement fund when the percentage funded falls below 60%. We filled out the form a few weeks ago and gave Council a copy that we knew would trigger this requirement.

Please find our plan attached. I will cover this in more detail at the meeting. A few areas that we have addressed include:

- Employees hired after January 1, 2007 reimburse the City for 3% of the cost of MERS.
- For Council knowledge, employees hired after 2007 there will be no healthcare provided at retirement.
- Retirement age was raised to 55 from 50 with 25 years of service.
- We are also going to ask Council's opinion on paying an additional amount monthly based upon our 2017 Actuarial when it is received. Please find a copy of the 2016 attached showing the options to pay an additional amount monthly.

Moved by Councilmember Hollister, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to accept the Benefit pension retirement system action plan as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Hollister, Shiner, Rohde, Walker, Perilloux
No – None

5. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- Manistique Tourism Council, Manistique Recreation Board, and Hotel Owners are putting on an appreciation dinner on April 21, 2018. Councilmembers are invited to the dinner.
- We have been working on a banner program and looking at new banners for the Downtown area. We plan on working with the businesses downtown and cost sharing the price of them, and then the businesses will get their business names on them.
- We will be going to a MDOT non-motorized transportation planning meeting and will be on the agenda for the bike path between Manistique and Gladstone.
- We have a meeting scheduled with Rural Development for the second phase of the application.

Mayor Perilloux:

- Received the paperwork from RD for the new patrol vehicle.

Superintendent Barr:

- CSO requirements have changed. The Federal Act was changed about 4 months ago, and Michigan is now on board. What this means is it now modifies our discharge permit as it stands and the Manager, Attorney, and I will have to sit down with stakeholders, signage will have to be different, and the way the public are notified after an event will have to be different as well.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Michael Perilloux, Mayor

Janell L. Irie, City Clerk