

May 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, May 26, 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 May 11, 2020

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from May 11, 2020

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

- B. New Business

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only

- No citizen comments

2. **Farmers Market Questions-Kerri Ott**

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Kerry Ott from the Health Department has asked to speak with Council about the Farmer's Market for the 2020 season. Kerry was the force behind the popular market and has overseen it for many years. She has concerns about running it this season and would like to run those concerns past Council for your input.

Kerry Ott: I would like your thoughts of holding the market. We are following the Governors orders, the LMAS District Health Departments and the Michigan Farmers Market Associations recommendations. Some areas are cancelling their markets this year, and some are going to an online format, which is not an option for us. The Market has a firm 6-7 core farmers, small farmers, the elderly population, and the WIC moms utilize this service as well as other parts of our population. This is deemed an essential need.

Some of the precautions we are planning are more space between vendors amount of people allowed to shop at one time will be limited, no one under 16 years of age, one per household, masks required, hand sanitizer available. We also are proposing the first half hour of the market be available for the senior citizens, the immunocompromised and for pregnant women.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Farmer's Market

Moved by Councilmember Johnson, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to open the Farmers Market for the 2020 season

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

3. ROW Authorization-Corey Barr

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Corey Barr has worked as the City Zoning Administrator for close to two years. Corey has been handling zoning issues and questions daily. One question frequently posed to him are ROW (right of way) telecommunication lines being installed in the city limits. Corey has been handling them and giving authorization where allowed. He would like to be certain that Council is okay with that, he has had two requests within this last month. Please see a copy of the two requests.

Corey Barr-When outside utility requests come in, they go through me for zoning. We own the land but not the poles-Charter and Cloverland own those. The requests are mostly for fiberoptic services. I think there should be an approval process for this. MDOT gives a right of permission passage. I am asking to follow a similar process for overhead utilities as they do for underground utilities, these usually go through council, I would like to be able to give this permission to free up Council's time. The underground requests go to Corey because we own the land-overhead utilities are a grey area, in these agreements the requesting company must replace the sidewalks as well.

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to allow the Zoning Administrator authorization to sign all Right of Way permits for all above ground pole mounted utilities-fiberoptic, phone and cable

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

4. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021
Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: We are presenting to Council our proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. The Department Heads have been incredibly good about working with the Treasurer and I on the Requested Budget. Most lines are typical and remain much the same as prior years. I have touched on some lines that I think will be of more interest.

A. General Fund 101

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 101 General Fund for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

B. Major Street Fund 202

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 202 Major Street for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

C. Local Street Fund 203

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 203 Local Street for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

D. Marina Fund 350

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 350 Marina for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

E. Manistique Lakeshore Campground Fund 415

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 415 Manistique Lakeshore Campground for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

F. Landfill 2002 Construction Fund 417

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVED Budget as proposed for: Fund 417 Landfill 2002 Construction for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

G. Downtown Development Authority Fund 494

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVED Budget as proposed for: Fund 494 Downtown Development Authority for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

H. Ambulance Fund 505

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVED Budget as proposed for: Fund 505 Ambulance for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

I. Recreation Building Fund 508

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVED Budget as proposed for: Fund 508 Recreation Building for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Discussion

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

J. Sewer Supply System Fund 590

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVED Budget as proposed for: Fund 590 Sewer Supply System for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year in addition to the rate table increase of .95 cents and the ready to serve base rate increase of \$3.05

Discussion

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

H. Water Supply System Fund 591

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVE Budget as proposed for: Fund 591 Water Supply System for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year in addition to the rate table increase of .39 cents and ready to serve base rate increase of \$1.19

Discussion

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

5. Teamsters Blue Cross Billing

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: This billing is regarding the opt-out issue that we have been contesting for over a year. I have referenced this issue in detail in the email sent to council within the last two weeks. We have tried to resolve this with Blue Cross but to no avail.

Our City Attorney has reached out to them and will report to Council what his conversation entailed.

We have asked Teamster's Blue Cross to split the amount due into two payments one to be made in this fiscal year and one to be made in the next fiscal year after July 1, 2020. They are agreeable.

City Attorney Bruce Plackowski: It appears that the language is clear and there is no question that the money is owed. Teamsters attorney stated that they are very flexible with payment however it is a large enough sum that they would take us to court, and we would be responsible for the court and attorney fees.

The attorney had presented several different payment options, but interest would be accruing.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVED to approve the two payments to the Teamsters Blue Cross billing as reimbursement for the opt out error occurring July 15, 2018 to June 29, 2019 in the amount of \$21,254.75 to be split between the present fiscal year and the next fiscal year

Discussion

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

6. Parkettes in the Downtown

Manager Sheila Aldrich memo: The Mayo has asked me to explain the idea of parkettes in the downtown. Parkettes are seating areas created from using two parking stalls blocked off with planters or barriers at each end. The idea is to get people to spend more time in the downtown, possibly eating or just resting and visiting. Public Safety has safety concerns that would need to be overcome, and zoning input has not been sought yet.

We have been approached by a few of the merchants to bring this to Council for discussion

Mayor Shiner-I have had a couple of merchants asking about blocking off a few parking spots. This would enhance our economic development. There are surrounding communities that are doing this same thing as well. The City of Marquette has been charging for this service. We have talked with the DDA about this and they liked the idea.

There are a few concerns from Public Safety, and I have those same concerns. I feel due to the pandemic and the situation of the economy I feel that this could be helpful.

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Johnson

APPROVED to table this topic until further discussion

Discussion- Some Councilmembers have safety concerns, legal, expense and placement concerns of the parkettes and would like to do some further research into this issue

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

C. Reports and Communication

- Aldrich-with Governors orders in place longer, how will registrations go, with the current orders we will not open the campground till after June 22nd

Moved by Councilmember Ecclesine, Seconded by Councilmember Perilloux

APPROVED to continue following the Governors orders and not open until June 22, 2020

Discussion

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

- Aldrich-We are working on a Covid-19 safety plan to return to work

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse
City Clerk