

June 12, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Shiner, Walker, Hill, and Jeffcott. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski. Councilmember Hollister was absent.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

EXCUSE Councilmember Hollister from this meeting.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Shiner, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Councilmember Hollister

A. Minutes.

May 22, 2017

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the minutes of the May 22, 2017 meeting as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Shiner, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Councilmember Hollister

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

There were no citizen comments.

2. Closed Session – Pending Litigation.

Manager Aldrich memo. Attorney Matt Wojda, the City's counsel for the lawsuit regarding the Chamber of Commerce building, has requested closed session to update Council on the pending litigation.

Attorney Wodja is coming from Alpena to update Council. We certainly appreciate all of his efforts with this situation.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

ENTER closed session.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Shiner, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent - Hollister

Executive Session started at 7:01 pm.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

EXIT closed session.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Shiner, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Hollister

Executive Session ended at 7:34 pm.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

ACCEPT the offer for the former Chamber of Commerce building from the plaintiff as described in closed session.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Shiner, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Hollister

At his turn to vote, Councilperson Walker noted that he is voting as he denies all accusations and feels this is the right decision. He also joined the Chamber of Commerce Board in June to help and all past tax issues took place before he joined the Chamber Board.

3. 2017 Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Public Safety Director Golat memo. I recommend that the Mayor be authorized to sign the 2017 fireworks display permit for the Manistique 4th of July Committee. The fireworks plan has been reviewed and approved by the City's insurance and risk management advisors. The 2017 show will be provided near the same shooting site as in years past with adjustments in distances and security due to the existence of the new City campground.

Further, this display will be provided again by Great Lakes Fireworks of Eastpointe, Michigan. It should be noted that their personnel have visited the adjusted display site, new campground, and that they are confident that this year's display will be as safe or safer as those in years past.

The fireworks have been scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2017 with rain dates of Sunday, July 2, 2017 or July 8, 2017.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the fireworks permit for 2017 and allow the Mayor to sign the permit as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Shiner, Hill, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Councilmember Hollister

4. Utility Bills Added to Taxes.

Manager Aldrich memo. Each year we are required by ordinance (please find reference attached) and supported by Charter to place delinquent water and sewer bills on the tax billing of the corresponding parcel. You will find a list of those delinquent billings and the amount due as of 12/31/16 attached. We can only go back to the prior December with these billings.

These amounts will now be placed on the tax billing that will be produced and mailed the first part of July.

Manager Aldrich also noted that it is a shorter list of utility bills being added to taxes compared to last year.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE the list of Water and Sewer bills to be added to the Summer 2017 tax bills as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Walker, Shiner, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Councilmember Hollister

5. Tax Levy.

Manager Aldrich memo. Please find the requested tax levy for the July tax billings. This levy is for City of Manistique and Landfill. The amount of the levy has remained the same for many years. This form will be sent on to the State after it receives Council approval.

Moved by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the 2017 tax levy request from the City of Manistique as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Hill, Shiner, Walker, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Councilmember Hollister

Discussion.

6. Land Acquisition Extension Agreement.

Manager Aldrich memo. We have asked the DNR for an extension on the land purchase agreement for the Manistique River property known as the "Manistique Lumber" property.

We continue to work with the DEQ and our engineers on the paperwork and environmental work required to meet the satisfaction of the DEQ. This is the holdup for finalizing the acquisition and the reason for the additional extension request. You will find a copy of the extension agreement provided to us from the DNR for Council review.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Hill

APPROVE the Land Acquisition agreement between the City of Manistique and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund as presented.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Hill, Shiner, Jeffcott

No – None

Absent – Hollister

7. Citizen Comments.

Bonnie Garvin, 98N Lake Drive, had a comment regarding the increase in water/sewer rates.

C. Reports and Communications

Manager Aldrich:

- Thank you to Folkfest Committee for all of their hard work.

Mike Powers, Recreation Board Chairperson, noted that the event is coming along well.

Councilmember Walker:

- The Pioneer Days event will be Saturday, June 24th at the Marina and all proceeds go to the Historical Society.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill:

- The signs on the Boardwalk, done by Eagle Scout Brendan Slater, look very nice.

Mayor Jeffcott:

- The Campground progress is coming along well.

Discussion.

It was also noted that the Grand Opening for the Campground will be Wednesday, June 28th at 3:00pm.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Janet Jeffcott, Mayor

Jeffrey L. King, City Clerk