

**September 14, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, September 14, 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. Agenda of the Regular City Council Meeting August 24, 2020

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

**APPROVE the Agenda for the Regular City Council meeting of Monday September 24, 2020**

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

2. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on August 24, 2020

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

**APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from August 24, 2020**

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

A. New Business

1. Citizen Comments

- Fred Jenerou-323 N. Maple Street
- Alan Ott- 522 Park Avenue
- Dixie Anderson-5730W US HWY 2 Manistique

2. Policies Required of MEDC Grant

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) requires certain policies be in place in order to receive their grants. Peter VanSteen from CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development) is overseeing our Sewer Lining Project Grant through MEDC. Peter has compiled the required policies and sent them to us for review.

Council would need to approve these policies; we would return them to Peter at CUPPAD. He will send them on to MEDC.

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE to accept the policies required for the MEDC Grants**

Discussion

Councilmembers discussed some of the policies and asked for clarification from Chief Golat and Bruce Plackowski the City Attorney.

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

3. CSO Reimbursement

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find CSO Project Request for Council review. This type of request is typical and covers construction and engineering. This is the fourth request of this kind. The amounts have been reviewed by Coleman and will go into RD (Rural Development) for their review and approval. The grant dollars will then come to City Hall for disbursement.

The requested amounts are:  
\$632,069.12 water  
\$844,367.33 Sewer

These requests are for payments to Woleske, FA Industrial and Coleman Engineering  
The requests are in line with the budget and timeline.

**Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner**

**APPROVE the CSO Reimbursement request by Woleske Construction Company Inc, F & A Industrial and Coleman Engineering for Water in the amount of \$632,069.12**

Discussion

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

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

**APPROVE the CSO Reimbursement request by Woleske Construction Company Inc, F & A Industrial and Coleman Engineering for Sewer in the amount of \$844,367.33**

Discussion

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

4. Request to Extend Sewer to North Maple

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: The Current sewer service that was put in many years ago ends at 313 N. Maple St. This is the house across from City Hall. Houses from that point north have their own septic tank and drain field and have had their own systems for man years. There has been a request from one of the homeowners for the city to extend the sewer line and allow the houses north from that point to hook up.

We have asked Coleman to give us an estimate as to what the cost would be. You will find the different options attached. As with other areas in the Lakeside area of Manistique, there would be encounter with rock, which will greatly increase the cost of installing the new lines.

Corey will go over these projected costs, what the job would entail and what other options are available to the homeowners requesting the service.

Corey Barr-

- The proper way to do this would be a total gut job from Elm to Pine street. Encountering the rock is going to be where we see the high prices
- An alternative would be pump stations at each house pumping the sewage to the intersection. This has never been done before
- Due to never being an I&I issue it is not on the 5- or 10-year plan at this time
- There are several obstacles with a project of this size, funding, rate increases and considerable time for the engineering to be completed

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

**APPROVED Table this item until more information from outside sources is available to bring back to Council**

Discussion

Council discussed With Corey, Sheila, and Fred other possibilities for a solution to this issue Everyone thought it best to seek a final report from the Health Department and on from there

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

5. Sign Ordinance Review

Sheila Aldrich memo: It has been brought to the attention of the City that the ordinance covering political signs has a size limit, and that limit of 9 square feet and has been exceeded by some signs that have been on display. We discussed this with our ordinance attorney who referred to a supreme Court case that he thought affected our ordinance.

Our City attorney recommended that we add this item to the agenda, and he will speak to the issue based upon the case our ordinance attorney referred to.

Bruce Plackowski- The U.S. Supreme Court found unanimously that anything that restricts speech has to go under strict scrutiny.

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE to bring this agenda item to the planning & zoning Board to review with the assistance of the zoning attorney and bring back to council**

Discussion

The Council discussed how important it is to consult the other City boards when it comes to issues that they deal with on a regular basis and the importance of all of the boards to work together and communicate

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

6. Pandemic Response and Plan

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: The City of Manistique, like most of the communities are trying to safely navigate the COVID-29 pandemic to follow the Governor's Executive Order and the Health Department guidelines.

In June, we passed a COVID-29 Preparedness Response and Plan for City operations. Attached is a new copy for your review. We have asked the Health Department if the plan has changed since June and what changes we need to implement. I also spoke with Emergency Management to see what changes we should be making.

We have been advised that we are conducting business and operating as they would recommend. We have a daily presence at City Hall Monday through Friday. The door has a listing of employee contact information.

All of these things are being done to keep everyone safe, to comply with the Governors Orders and the Health Department recommendations They are being done to show that we care about and respect our citizens, our employees and ourselves. It shows that as a unit of government, we are compliant with the law and acting in a way tat will lead by example.

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

**APPROVE to accept the City of Manistique Pandemic Response Plan and to continue with this plan moving forward**

Discussion

Council discussed what other Municipalities and Councils are doing and have directed City Hall to remain closed and entry by appointment only. With clear signage posted on the door.

City Council meetings will continue with Zoom and notices will be placed in the paper

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

B. Reports and Communication

- Aldrich-discussed possible plan with the rink this winter and that the Mayor, Joan, and she will be meeting about this.
- Aldrich-Discussed the issue of Christies Bar with the Council and asked for their thoughts of putting this on the agenda for the next meeting
- Barr-Commented on Christies Bar and the base rate issue as well
- Shiner asked what the plan was for taking down dead trees in the City
- Shiner asked if the Rec board were meeting on a regular basis and if someone who did not live in the area could be on the Rec Board.
- Aldrich- Next Rec board meeting will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October
- Johnson- would like to pursue the finalizing of a Special Events Form
- Johnson-brought up possible plans for Ladies Night this year
- Johnson-asked for clarity on how a person/item be put on the agenda. The person could talk with the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-Tem, 2 council people could ask, or the City Manager can also be contacted
- Sheila- talked about the new Black Powder Grill food truck that has come in and that they asked her to thank the Mayor for helping them with their permit process

- Aldrich-asked Council for permission to have Sintech build a new City website. The quoted price was roughly #3,550.00. The motion is as follows:

**Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde**

**APPROVE to allow Sinetech to build a new City website.**

Discussion

Sheila explained that our website is not user friendly and needs an update. Sintech has been working as the IT for the City for some time and has done a great job,

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

- ❖ **Motion by Councilmember Rohde for meeting to adjourn, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner**

**APPROVE by all**

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

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Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse  
City Clerk