

September 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers: Shiner, Ecclesine, Rohde, Perilloux. Also present were City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Bruce Paczkowski. Absent was Johnson.

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

Excuse Councilmember Johnson from tonight's meeting

Discussion

Yes-Rohde, Shiner, Ecclesine, Perilloux

No-None

Absent-Johnson

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on September 14, 2020

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVE the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting from September 14, 2020

Discussion

Yes-Rohde, Ecclesine, Perilloux, Shiner

No-None

Absent-Johnson

- B. New Business

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only

- There were no Citizen Comment

2. Hockey/Little Bear/Possible Lease

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: It is the time of year when we normally start forming the ice at Little Bear for the skating season. Covid-19 has put a wrinkle in everything we would normally plan.

It is our understanding that the Hockey Association is also experiencing significant setbacks this year. Their guidance comes from MAHA (Michigan Hockey Association) It is also our understanding that they are being restricted from having concessions, open skate, and limited number of players in the rink at once and no spectators.

We have discussed this situation with our Risk management representative, Lori Burton. And questioned her about the city leasing the arena to Hockey, as they would be the only ones using it. Please see Lori's email attached suggesting the city attorney draw up a lease and what should be included in it. Hockey will be at the meeting to discuss all options.

Phil Berger-The hockey association is comfortable with leasing. We have received the bills but not all the financials of the rink yet. Hockey is about \$7,000.00 short of keeping the rink functional. Hockey spent \$30,000.00 last year, we are anticipating a decline in monies this year.

Enrollment is down for the year. We are asking the City to work with us to make this lease possible. We need to generate extra income, possibly through fundraising.

We are thinking of maybe not putting ice down till November and holding tournaments through March with limited spectators.

Bruce Plakowski-I have concerns about terms of a lease as far as need for City employees. Rocky would put down the ice and hockey would be responsible for sanitizing and following the MAHA guidelines. All hockey players are covered by the hockey association insurance. Bruce would like to see examples of other lease agreements. Phil will provide the MAHA protocol for the Council to look over.

Sheila suggests the City would cover the base rate and board rental fees. These would be our expenses with or without the lease.

The Concerns of the Council are following Governors orders and having clear expectations of financial responsibilities. The Council feels this is a good starting point to begin lease talks.

3. Mayors Resolution Establishing Rules of Remote Attendance

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo: Please find attached a resolution suggested by our Mayor concerning the way business is conducted by remote attendance at meetings. This resolution was drafted in accordance with the meeting guidelines of dealing with Covid-19.

Our Mayor can talk more about the policy and subsequent resolutions at the meeting and how it will affect the City.

Mayor Shiner-A resolution is defined as being the thoughts of the city government.

Sheila suggested the meeting information to be on the City website for every meeting.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to accept the resolution establishing Rules of Remote Attendance

Discussion-Ecclesine asked for clarification of wording in resolution

Yes-Rohde, Shiner, Ecclesine, Perilloux

No-None

Absent-Johnson

4. Request from Tori Henry to Eliminate Base Fee

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo-Tori Henry is the owner of a property on the westside of Manistique. She has purchased the building next to it. Both buildings have service lines going into them. Ms. Henry has opened the wall between the two buildings and has indicated that she does not use the restrooms in the second building. She would like to eliminate the base fee on the second building because she looks at them as one building.

We have told Ms. Henry that if there were two buildings with two lines that Rural Development would not allow us to eliminate the charge on the second building. She has said that she would dig up the sidewalk and disconnect the second line.

We have concerns that if she did disconnect them and subsequently sold the newly purchased building the sidewalk would need to come up again to lay down new line.

Tori Henry-In 2018 I opened an egress to the other side between the buildings. I am being taxed for one building. The water has been off since before I purchased the building and not one drop of water has been running, yet I am paying for two base rates.

Sheila states that they had at one time allowed the practice of base rates to go away on buildings that were not in use. Rural Development said no to this practice and that if there is a service lead in place then there will be a charge. If we allow no ready to serve charge then Rural Development has threatened to call our loans, we have quite a few loans through them. Rural Development will question the fluctuation in number of meters. They are a last resort lender and expect to be paid back.

Corey Barr-There are several properties that pay numerous base rates. If we were to dig up the line, we are looking at losing 3-4 chunks of sidewalk, time invested and replacement sidewalks.

Moved by Councilmember Perilloux, Seconded by Councilmember Ecclesine

APPROVED To continue the same process using Rural Development recommendations

Discussion

Yes-Perilloux, Ecclesine, Rohde, Shiner

No-None

Absent-Johnson

5. Donation of Property from Carol Dotson

Manager Sheila Aldrich memo-Carol Dotson from Schoolcraft Collision owns the property right next to City Hall. The building collapsed last winter and has been removed. Mrs. Dotson is offering the property to the City. Please see Carol's letter attached.

The DPW has indicated that should the City accept the property, they could use it. It would also give the City options for expansion in the future.

We would need to get all Brownfield testing done prior to accepting the donation.

This is a very generous offer from Mrs. Dotson, and it could really be an exceptional opportunity for the City of Manistique.

At one point the City talked about purchasing property from the VFW for a new DPW garage. This would be a great place for a new garage, the garage has been here since the 60's.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE to accept the generous donation of the property next to City Hall including going ahead with the donation after brownfield testing

Discussion

Yes-Shiner, Rohde, Ecclesine, Perilloux

No-None

Absent-Johnson

6. Sinetech Website Update

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo-The City has engaged SineTech to create a new website for the cityofmanistique.org.

Mike Hoar is the owner of SineTech. He will be here to update Council on where he is at in the process and give us a few examples of his ideas and find out from us what we would like to see in the finished project.

Mike Hoar-We have been doing a lot of arial photos to add to the new website. There will be a lot more information onside and we will maintain it for you.

We must be careful as to what we do put on the site. (Examples and ideas were shared in split screen by Mike)

I would like to schedule a meeting to discuss input and options for this site.

7. Halloween Trick or Treat

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo-The question has been asked regarding Halloween and Trick or Treat. Please see email attached. The Council has normally listed the hours from 5-7p.m.

The Council discussed the Michigan Department of Health guidelines and notice. This is thought to be a high-risk activity. It is recommended that this activity be avoided.

Alternatives to trick or treating were discussed.

Bruce Plakowski and Public Safety Director Golat stated that we cannot ban trick or treating, however the Council could recommend against this high-risk activity

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, Seconded by Councilmember Shiner

Strongly Recommend against trick or treating while encouraging and promoting CDC guidelines be followed

Discussion

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

8. Paving on Walnut and Steuben

Manager Sheila Aldrich Memo-We are in the process of getting paving quotes to complete Walnut and Steuben. This would pretty much wrap up a lot of the eastside. If it is an amount that we feel we can afford, we would have it done in conjunction with our paving being done this week and the following week. We would pay for the paving from the Local Street Fund.

We would like Council's opinion and would need your endorsement to continue with this plan.

Sheila-We are looking for quotes from pavers and would like Council to authorize up to a certain amount to move forward with the paving projects. Cost will be greatly reduced since equipment is already here and will not have to be brought in.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, Seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE to Authorize Sheila, Corey, and Nick to move forward with quotes in the range of \$80,000.00-\$90,000. With monies coming from the Local Street Fund

Discussion

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

C. Reports and Communication

- Aldrich-Payne & Dolan paving plant is shut down for two weeks due to Covid-19 exposure so paving is on hold.
- Shiner-Masks are mandatory and encouraged by businesses and others to follow this practice
- Shiner thanked everyone for all the tough decisions and hard work they are doing
- Fred Jenerou asked to approach Council due to complications attending during Citizen Comments
- Barr-Met with Fred Jenerou, his wife and the Health Department about his septic issues that were discussed in a previous Council meeting. Corey gave an update for the Council
- Barr-Flowing well on North Mackinaw has stopped flowing. If it does not flow again, we have a responsibility to cap it. The reason it is not consistently flowing is due to shifting underground. At one time the City had 11 flowing wells, now we are down to 1
- Barr gave an update on testing results, landfill updates and P-Phas

Moved by Rohde, Seconded by Shiner

APPROVE Meeting Adjournment

Yes-All
No-None
Absent-Johnson

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 8:56p.m.

Kimberly Shiner, Mayor

Jacqueline Jenerou-LaCosse
City Clerk