

April 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Manistique City Council was held on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Perilloux, Walker, Shiner and Rohde. Also present was City Manager Aldrich and City Attorney Plackowski. Absent was Councilmember Hollister.

A. Minutes.

April 8, 2019

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE the minutes of the April 8, 2019 regular council meeting as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Walker, Rohde, Shiner, Perilloux

No – None

Absent- Hollister

B. New Business.

1. Citizen Comments Regarding Agenda Items Only.

Cindy King, Cedar Street-suggested tonight's meeting be held at a different venue due to not having enough seating.

2. Update on Dredging in the Manistique River from John Riley.

Manager Aldrich Memo. John Riley will be here to update Council on the dredging activities that will be taking place in the Manistique River Harbor this spring and summer.

This would be a good time to address John with any questions you might have on this dredging operation.

John Riley and Sam Noffke did a presentation on the dredging project. Projected timeline was Equipment moved to work site in May 2019. Dredging to begin in July 2019, winter shut down mid December 2019, Final site restoration May 2020.

3. Update from the DEQ on CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow).

Manager Aldrich Memo. Jay Parent from DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) will be at our meeting to address Council on our CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow) agreement, where we are, and where we need to be, and what our next steps will mean.

This will be a perfect time for us to ask questions to assure we are on the right track.

Jay Parent gave a detailed explanation of the importance of small rate increases yearly.

4. Senior Center Updated Bylaws.

Manager Aldrich Memo. The Senior Center Board is a component unit of the city appointed by City Council. The Board has been working on their bylaws to bring them up to date. Please find a revised copy attached for your review. The city attorney has reviewed these bylaws with Joan Brown from the Board and finds no issue with them.

The Senior Board would like Council approval so they can move forward under the new bylaws.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE the bylaws for the Manistique Senior Citizens Center board as presented.

Discussion.

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

5. FOIA Policy Updates.

Manager Aldrich Memo. We have been working with Steve Mann on our FOIA policy that was adopted by Council in 2015. Steve has indicated that we should update our policy and sent the changes to our clerk. You will find the changed policy attached.

Moved by Councilmember Shiner, seconded by Councilmember Rohde

APPROVE to the FOIA policy updates as presented.

Discussion.

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

6. Resignation of Council Member.

Manager Aldrich Memo. Please find attached the letter of resignation from Councilman Rick Hollister. Rick has served the city for many years, and we appreciate his service to Manistique.

The procedure we have used in the past was to post the opening in the local paper for a couple of weeks and accept letters of interest. The vacancy is then filled by the majority of the remaining members of the council.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, seconded by Councilmember Walker

APPROVE to accept the resignation of Councilmember Hollister as presented.

Discussion.

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

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to run an add to accept letters of interest for open Council seat to come back at the next meeting and to also accept letters of interest we have already received as presented

Discussion.

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

7. Campground Invoices.

Manager Aldrich Memo. The campground project had remaining invoices in the amount of \$28,920.25 that went to the DDA at their last meeting. The DDA would like to see these invoices paid from the campground fund instead of the recently acquired marina construction fund. This would leave them with a little more in contingency. Please find attached a campground balance sheet for review.

Moved by Councilmember Walker, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

Approve to pay remaining invoices totaling \$28920.25 from the campground fund as presented.

Discussion.

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

8. Chippewa Avenue Lane Change- Public Comment/Hearing.

Manager Aldrich Memo. We will be repaving Chippewa this summer. MDOT is requiring that we discuss the lane-change issue. Chippewa is scheduled to change from a four lane to a three lane. MDOT wants us to take comments on the change and report to them the public's view either for or against the change. Please see email attached describing the process.

Coleman Engineering Scott Nowack strongly recommended Chippewa Avenue becoming a three lane road.

Public Comments:

- Bob Krumb- commented on having a bicycle lane. Scott assured with the change to a three lane road that there will be a bicycle lane included in the project.

Moved by Councilmember Rohde, seconded by Councilmember Shiner

APPROVE to allow Chippewa Avenue to become a three lane road as presented.

Discussion.

Yes – Councilmembers Rohde, Shiner, Walker, Perilloux

No – None

9. Citizen Comments.

Alan Barr, East side of town: Expressed concerns about the divide in the community.

Bob Krumb, Manistique: Expressed his feelings on the material left on the chairs in the Council room.

Aimee Lunsford, Garden Avenue: Expressed concerns with the statements and actions carried out by the STC and some business owners.

Laurie Barr, Dawson Road: Expressed concern with Alan Barr.

Jennifer Watson, Ash Road: Expressed her concern with a prior meeting scheduled between the STC and the City.

Cindy King, South Cedar Street: Expressed concerns with the division in the community.

Dick Ketcik, New Delta Avenue: Expressed concerns about the division and also congratulated the community on coming together to raise \$65,000.00 for CBC.

Keith Aldrich, Evergreen Drive: Expressed the need for all parties to work with a mediator to get through this separation.

Sheryl Faltum, Gero Avenue: Expressed concerns regarding the empty buildings in town, and the need for growth in the community.

Jackie Jenerou, 501 Range Street: Expressed concerns with the division in the community.

Margo Withey, Good Neighbors Services, Deer Street: Expressed the need for the community to come together and for God to be involved in this process.

Ashley Winkel, Studio 906, South Cedar Street: Expressed concerns with the bad attitude of some in this town.

Michelle Earle, 233 Walnut Street: Commented on all of the positive changes that have occurred over the years in Manistique and reminded everyone of how important support of community is.

Sally Musson, Manistique: Expressed the importance of never bringing family issues into work and the importance of personally contacting people when there are issues.

Dennis Nowotney, Manistique: Commented about how many resources we have and the amount of things that the City has accomplished with limited funding and man power.

C. Reports and Communications.

Councilmember Shiner, explained excerpts from the Home Rule Act and encouraged the City Manager, City Attorney and all Councilmembers be informed when contents go out into the public.

Councilmember Shiner also proposed the idea of a public session to work out a plan to move forward in working with the STC.

Sergeant Timothy Russell, Manistique Public Safety: Asked for clarification that the proposed session be posted and open to the public.

Mayor Perilloux commented about the importance of the City Council be a unit of government and not a co-governing entity. Mayor Perilloux also asked the question of what the STC would like to accomplish in meeting.

Anne Clish, South Second Street: Expressed the concern with working together and that now is the time to close everything down for the night and let everything settle down so that all the hard work can start.

The regular meeting of the Manistique City Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michael Perilloux, Mayor

Janell L. Irie, City Clerk