

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday March 6th 2024

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024. The meeting was called to order by the mayor at 7:00 PM. The following officers were present. Mayor Paul Allen, Council Members, Barb Hanson, Steve Amans, Jean Amundson attended via zoom and Clerk Treasurer, Marlene Yurek. Crosslake Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller, Jory Danielson, Assistant Fire Chief. And seven (7) Manhattan Beach Property Owners were present.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: Clerk Marlene Yurek asked to have under new business a policy that the council meetings only be recorded on the city equipment, (zoom). The motion was made by Council Member Barb Hanson and seconded by Council Member Steve Amans Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, MINUTES Council Member Barb Hanson made the motion to approve the minutes as printed. Council Member, Steve Amans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURERS REPORT: Supporting documents attached. Council Member Barb Hanson made the motion to approve the claims report as printed including Crow Wing Power. Council Member Steve Amans second the motion. Motion carried.

P & Z REPORT: Mayor stated there was nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Water softener: Mayor stated he was pleased with the performance of the Yarna system he had purchased for his personal use. The council research found the Yarna system descales only, does not remove rust, and

to purchase or rent a unit that would eliminate the rust from the water system at city hall. Council Member Barb Hanson made the motion to rent from Culligan. Clerk/Treasurer second the motion. Motion carried.

Report from County Engineer on traffic study shows they want to put a 50 mile an hour sign at the curve on County Road 66 as indicated on the enclosed map. No action will be taken by the city.

NEW BUSINESS: Purchase of Microsoft Office for the Zoom computer for deputy clerk to use. Clerk /Treasurer Marlene Yurek made the motion to purchase Microsoft Office for the Zoom computer. Council Member Barb Hanson second the motion. Motion carried.

Representative from Scenic Byways updated the council on the Byways and left pamphlets and maps for the public to have.

The clerk stated the March council meeting would be Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> due to the primary election on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Improvements for 2024. Mayor stated the city could have a road expense to share with Fifty Lakes in resurfacing Northgate Lane. Information will come later regarding that issue.

City Clerk/Treasurer Marlene Yurek stated the 2 storm doors need to be replaced and didn't think it would be too costly to do so. Mayor stated to table the improvements until the next meeting to know more about the resurfacing of Northgate Lane. A motion was made by Clerk/Treasurer Marlene Yurek to table the improvements until more information is available on the Northgate Lane project. Council Member Jean Amundson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Quote from NewsHopper. Discussion was that the residents in the Manhattan Beach area do not receive the NewsHopper newspaper. The clerk stated the Echo will publish our legals and meeting minutes but will not send complimentary issues of the paper with the printed minutes and the cost for a yearly subscription is \$151.09. There is no longer a local newspaper in our area therefore, the city will post our legals on the Website and on the bulletin board for review as well as the council meetings are on the website for public review. Council Member Jean

Amundson made a motion to rescind the motion to use Echo publishing. Council Member Steve Amans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor stated it had been brought to his attention there was an Ethical Conflict Management and Communication Skills Training in March & April. City Clerk/Treasurer, Marlene Yurek stated she had already been in contact with a representative dealing with Collaboration from LMC regarding the animosity within the city council. The representative stated she would meet with the entire council including the mayor on a group basis as well as individually. The Clerk stated she would contact the LMC representative for more information. Council member Jean Amundson made the motion to have the clerk forward the information to the council members from Bemidji Consulting .If council members choose to take the course, which is optional they will be reimbursed the \$95.00 fee. Council Member Steve Amans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor stated the U S Census Bureau Report was due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Clerk/Treasurer Marlene Yurek stated the report had been completed and sent in.

Approval for the Clerk/Treasurer to attend the Region 5 meeting at Sourcewell on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Barb Hanson made the motion for the clerk to attend the meeting. Council Member Steve Amans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fee Schedule: Discussion on updating the fee schedule as it had been brought to the clerk's attention by Justin Burslie stating the fee schedule hadn't been updated since 2007. Mayor said he would compare other cities and check with Justin as to when the fees can be changed. Council Member Jean Amundson made the motion to table the fee schedule until next month giving the mayor time to investigate other areas. Council Member Barb Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting with city attorney: Council Member Barb Hanson inquired to the mayor what the meeting was about without the council being informed. The mayor stated the deputy clerk was concerned about not having a response when she asked to have her resignation tabled after she had resigned. Mayor stated to

avoid any further issues going forward the attorney needed to be informed and to get legal advise.

Audit: Mayor stated an audit is required every 5 years and the last one was year ending 2019 therefore an audit will be required for year ending 2024.

Council Member Jean Amundson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Barb Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

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Clerk/Treasurer

Paul L Allen  
Mayor



