
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – January 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Dave Bachman, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - December 20, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances November 2016
 - Revenue & Expense November 2016
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – January 10, 2017
A discussion will be conducted on Strategic Plan updates, Purchasing Policy, and the Historic District Commission; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Cooper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Wittlieff, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE CITY CLERK AND THE ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

Ms. Michelle Wright reported on the activities of the City Clerk’s Office and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Ms. Tamara Buswinka and Ms. Betsy Evans reported on the activities of the Alliance for Economic Success and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

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OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Mikula updated Council on the new NPDES permit which is effective 1/1/2017 thru 10/1/2020, noted changes regarding testing of mercury and ammonia, creating a wet weather Corrective Action Program, and completion of an Asset Management Plan.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Pontiac inquired on the status of the ice rink and if there were any water freeze ups yet.

Beaton thanked the AES for their presentation, would like a copy of presentation to direct people to.

Zielinski thanked Wright and her staff for their professional way on handling customers.

Goodspeed stated that Love INC Safe Harbor program is in need of volunteers to bring in meals.

Smith also thanked Wright, the election workers, glad the consolidation of precincts worked, and appreciates seeing the expenses down; also thanked Buswinka for her presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNING TO A CLOSED SESSION, UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

City Manager Thad Taylor has requested a Closed Session this evening as permitted by the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8 (c) to discuss contract negotiations with the United Steelworkers.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to proceed to Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Time: 7:54 p.m.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to return to Regular Session. Time: 8:20 p.m.
All in favor.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Michelle Wright MMC / CPFA, MiCPT
City Clerk/Chief Deputy Treasurer