

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Eric Gustad, Mark Wittlieff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Department Directors, Media, Public

Public Comments. None

Discussion on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Staff made opening comments and responded to various questions by Council. City Manager gave overview, asked Council to focus on ways to increase revenue picture.


Areas of discussion:

- Smith brought up appropriations, specifically 211, Ramsdell, and AES-value received.
- Offered suggestions to benchmark what City gets for appropriations.
- Discussed revenue situation not improving in the near to mid-term future; change in service delivery.
- Discussed and explained MERS situation and unfunded liability.
- Overview and explanation of motor pool and need to replace vehicles – when/why/factors used to determine replacement.
- Discussed assessing and status of tax collections, tax appeals, etc.
- Some discussion on DDA, TIF, status going forward, renewal of TIF, etc.
- Discussed need for crack sealing machine.
- Discussed need for electric gate at DPW.

CONSENSUS: No changes to budget as presented.

A public hearing on the budget will be conducted at the April 19, 2016 regular meeting; with an additional work session on the budget following the regular meeting that evening.

Adjourned at approximately 9:42 p.m.



Thad N. Taylor, City Manager