

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2017**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 9:04 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Department Directors, Staff, Public

***Continued Discussion on Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.***

**APPROPRIATIONS**

- AAY – \$6500 proposed cut / They are a non-profit, have a joint agreement with the school for Sands Park – do they offer any support, should we have some type of an agreement similar to Rietz Park, will explore lease after budget decision is made, they didn't say they could make it with a smaller amount, no surplus funds, people they service are the most vulnerable, it is a refuge for some of them.

CONSENSUS: Restore full funding to \$13,000.

- Ramsdell Theatre – \$7500 proposed cut / Their budget shows a deficit, any fund balance and if so, could that be reduced, want to see the Ramsdell succeed but looking for ways to fund other things, suggest cutting a little more.

CONSENSUS: Cut an additional \$2500.

- AES – Could take the \$6500 out of their funding, leave AES alone, need to step up their information reporting, discussed their impact on different projects, how are we getting a higher level of service, #1 item on the Strategic Plan is jobs – what has been done, member on their board would be a good opportunity to open lines of communication (add to future agenda).

CONSENSUS: No changes made.

- Manistee Saints – \$3000 proposed cut / We have a certain level of commitment to the park such as utilities, the previous \$6000 appropriation goes towards the purchase of diamond dust, they've done a lot to improve the field, would feel uncomfortable cutting it any more than the \$3000 proposed.

CONSENSUS: Keep as proposed.

- Manistee County Historical Museum – \$1500 proposed cut / would like to see them funded the full amount, they do get contributions from other sources, are they funded by the County at all, \$1500 equals 3% of their budget, feel that they could raise those funds elsewhere.

CONSENSUS: Keep as proposed.

- MRA – \$1500 proposed cut / Don't take any more from them, they have scholarships for low income, questioned why the County only gives \$2500 and we give \$25,000, discussed how other townships help support them, formula is used to determine the pay-as-you-play cost.

CONSENSUS: Keep as proposed.

- PEG - \$25,500 proposed cut / If they go away some of their functions go away also (ex. taping meetings, uploading), franchise fee doesn't have anything to do with PEG, thought was to have our own equipment to record and upload meetings - \$15,000 budgeted, thinks PEG would need a minimum of \$20,000 to operate, likes the idea of streaming all meetings and have the technology here, stated this is only one aspect of what PEG does.

CONSENSUS: Keep as proposed.

An additional work session on the budget will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.



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