

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee MI 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Mack, Catherine Zaring, Ed Cote, Bob Hornkohl, Alan Marshall, Colleen Kenny, Ilona Haydon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Department Directors, Public and Media

Discussion on Water Adjustment Policy. The Manistee Inn & Marina experienced an extremely high water/sewer bill due to a break in the facilities water line to their fish cleaning station (not winterized). According to policy staff reduced the bill by \$19,000 to account for water not entering the sanitary sewer collection system; and offered a payment plan. Owners requesting additional assistance. Mayor Mack read memos received from the Water Department and the Main Street Downtown Development Authority. Council discussed maintaining a \$10,000 bill and giving them 24 months to pay at 0% interest. The Manistee Inn & Marina Manager agreed that this would assist the Manistee Inn & Marina in covering the remaining bill.

Consensus: City will work cooperatively to help Manistee Inn & Marina set up a 24 month payment process for the \$10,000 bill.

Discussion on Assessing White Paper. First introduced at the March 1 meeting. Council continued discussion on the white paper options.

Consensus: Maintain status quo as provided in the proposed 2011-2012 budget. Need to look at this and all departments annually through the budget process.

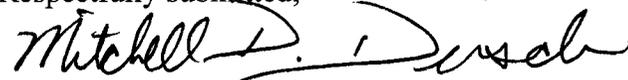
Discussion on 2011-2012 Budget Document. Staff made opening comments. Councilmember Cote discussed Fifth Avenue Beach, wants old NIA building site cleaned up. Look at future use next year with Parks & Beautification Commission assistance.

Other areas were discussed, with particular emphasis given to Capital Improvement Fund. Numerous questions were posed by Council that will be responded to by staff.

Continued discussion scheduled to follow the regular Council meeting on April 19, 2011.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mitch Deisch, City Manager