
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – November 8, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Wednesday, November 8, 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 (*arrived at 7:48 p.m.*).

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - October 17, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances - September 2017
 - Quarterly Financial Update
 - Quarterly Investment Update
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 28, 2017
A discussion will be conducted on Medical Marijuana Ordinance, Sidewalk Ordinance / Program, Riverfront Leases; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Zielinski, 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, and Wittlieff

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWING THE ANNUAL SSCENT BYRNE GRANT AGREEMENT.

The Manistee Police Department has an officer assigned to the SSCENT multi-jurisdictional drug team. Part of this partnership includes the Byrne Grant distribution. The renewal of this agreement is from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The agreement will be disbursed through the Michigan State Police Byrne fund in the amount of \$10,142.00 for the SSCENT officer.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Wittlieff to approve the SSCENT Byrne Grant Agreement. Brief discussion followed.

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With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Housing Commission, Parks Commission, PEG Commission, Planning Commission, Tree Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayoral appointments require a motion, second and Council voted support. Nominations for Council appointments do not require a second. After all nominations are made, Council votes on the nominees until one nominee receives majority support.

The following applications have been received: (*Incumbent)

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. One vacancy, term ending 6/30/20. Applicants must be City residents or persons with interest in property in the City; Mayoral appointment.

Roger Yoder, 225 Seventh Street

Mayor Smith appointed Roger Yoder, 225 Seventh Street, to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending 6/30/20. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

COMPENSATION COMMISSION. Two vacancies, both terms ending 9/30/22. Applicants must be registered voters in the City; Mayoral appointment.

Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street*

Smith appointed Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street, to the Compensation Commission for a term ending 9/30/22. MOTION by Cooper, second by Goodspeed to support the Mayor's appointment.

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HARBOR COMMISSION. One vacancy, term ending 10/31/20. Applicants can be non-residents but must own real estate or a business/profession having a licensed business location in the City; Council appointment.

Roger Zielinski, 529 First Street*

Goodspeed nominated Roger Zielinski, 529 First Street, to the Harbor Commission for a term ending 10/31/20.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

HOUSING COMMISSION. One vacancy, term ending 5/31/18; Mayoral appointment.

Kelly Tomaszewski, 9693 Valley View Drive, Onkama MI 49675

Smith appointed Kelly Tomaszewski, 9693 Valley View Drive, Onkama, to the Housing Commission for a term ending 5/31/18. MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

PARKS COMMISSION. Five vacancies, two terms ending 6/30/18, one term ending 6/30/19, and two terms ending 6/30/20. Three appointments may be non-residents but must own real estate or a business/profession having a licensed business location in the City or have a child attending school within the City; Mayoral appointment.

Stephen G. Spencer, 111 Pine Street

Smith appointed Stephen G. Spencer, 111 Pine Street, to the Parks Commission for a term ending 5/31/20. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

PEG COMMISSION. Four vacancies, one term ending 12/31/18, one term ending 12/31/19, and two terms ending 12/31/20. Applicants must be Manistee County residents; Council appointment.

James W. Smith, 353 First Street*

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Goodspeed nominated James W. Smith, 353 First Street, to the PEG Commission for a term ending 12/31/20.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION. Three vacancies, terms ending 10/31/20. Applicants must be City residents; Mayoral appointment.

Roger Yoder, 225 Seventh Street*

Maureen Barry, 230 Lighthouse Way South*

Smith appointed Roger Yoder, 225 Seventh Street, to the Planning Commission for a term ending 10/31/20. MOTION by Cooper, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Smith appointed Maureen Barry, 230 Lighthouse Way South, to the Planning Commission for a term ending 10/31/20. MOTION by Beaton, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

TREE COMMISSION. Four vacancies, terms ending 12/31/20; Mayoral appointment.

Robert Johnson, 530 Ninth Street*

Kathleen Friedrich, 512 Pine Street*

Janice Waterman, 1010 Maple Street*

Smith appointed Robert Johnson, 530 Ninth Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/20. MOTION by Beaton, second by Goodspeed to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Smith appointed Kathleen Friedrich, 512 Pine Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending

12/31/20. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Smith appointed Janice Waterman, 1010 Maple Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/20. MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Councilmember Pontiac arrived at 7:48 p.m.

A REPORT FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Mr. Tyler Leppanen reported on the activities of the Downtown Development Authority and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

DISCUSSION ON DRAFT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS.

City Manager Taylor asked for feedback from Council on the draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for economic development and related services. Questions/Comments received included: are we looking for a consultant of record or to send to other consulting firms; will the Chamber be included; looking at a multi-year contract with an escape clause; how do we measure success; list of some of services expected is included in the RFQ.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

Comments received by:

- Kendra Quick, Manistee Civic Players board member / MCP moving props and costumes out of the Ramsdell; thanked City for partnership with MCP.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Wright congratulated newly elected/re-elected Council members; thanked Wittlieff for his service on the Council.

Bradford stated we had a successful bond sale on Monday, closing will be on December 5th.

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COUNCILMEMBERS.

Cooper congratulated Beaton, Goodspeed, and Grabowski; thanked Wittlieff for his service.

Beaton is grateful for another term on Council; thanked several people for their support; will reach out to Howard Turk to discuss his concerns.

Zielinski thanked Wittlieff for his service and welcomed new members; asked all to remember people affected by the Texas shooting and the people in New York.

Goodspeed stated he will miss Wittlieff; welcomed Jim Grabowski; and reminded people of Veterans Day this weekend.

Wittlieff commented on a blight situation; congratulated Beaton and Goodspeed; welcomed Grabowski; thanked citizens in Manistee to allow him to be able to serve, City staff, and current and past Councils.

Pontiac apologized for being late; congratulated new Council members.

Smith reminded people that City Hall will be closed on Friday in observance of Veteran's Day; welcomed Jim Grabowski and congratulated Beaton and Goodspeed on their elections; wished Wittlieff well on his future endeavors.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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