
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – November 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Tuesday, November 21, 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, James Grabowski, 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, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - November 8, 2017 - Regular Meeting
 - November 14, 2017 - Organizational Meeting

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll - October 9-22, 2017 - \$ 117,946.08
 - Invoices - October 6, 2017 - \$ 505,619.30
 - October 23, 2017 - \$ 141,151.30

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 28, 2017
A discussion will be conducted on Medical Marijuana Ordinance, Sidewalk Ordinance / Program, Riverfront Leases, Sale of City Property Policy, Recycling Program; 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, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

PRESENTATION BY KEN TALSMA OF ANDERSON TACKMAN ON THE JUNE 30, 2017 AUDIT.

Ken Talsma, lead auditor of Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC, gave an overview of the City's June 30, 2017 audit; stated the City has an unmodified opinion; at the end of the fiscal year the General Fund's fund balance increased to \$1,093,119; long-term debt decreased by \$1,936,778; an Act 51 audit was also completed and reported satisfactory, MDOT will no longer require this in the next fiscal year.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Parks Commission, and the Tree Commission.

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)

BOARD OF REVIEW. Two vacancies, one regular member and one alternate member, terms expiring 12/31/20. Applicants must be City taxpaying, registered voters; Council Appointment.

Judianne Sibley, 241 Hughes Street* (regular member)

Beaton nominated Judianne Sibley, 214 Hughes Street, to the Board of Review (regular member) for a term ending 12/31/20.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

SIBLEY: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

OTHER: None

PARKS COMMISSION. Four vacancies, two terms ending 6/30/18, one term ending 6/30/19, and one term 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.

Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street

Frank Cardelia, 580 Broad Avenue

Mayor Smith appointed Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street, to the Parks Commission for a term ending 6/30/20. MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Mayor Smith appointed Frank Cardelia, 580 Broad Avenue, to the Parks Commission for a term ending 6/30/19. MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

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NAYS: None

TREE COMMISSION. One vacancy, term ending 12/31/20; Mayoral appointment.

Patricia Williams, 105 Lighthouse Way*

Smith appointed Patricia Williams, 105 Lighthouse Way, 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 appointment was approved unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Taylor stated the non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mikula stated they will continue to pick up leaves throughout the City, making a complete circuit of the City each week through the first week of December.

Middleton wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Councilmembers wished everyone a safe, happy Thanksgiving.

Beaton would like a discussion at next week's work session regarding her appointment and responsibilities to the AES board.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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