
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL -FEBRUARY 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 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 – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Planning & Zoning Director – Denise Blakeslee, Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

AMEND AGENDA.

Motion by Zielinski, second by Cooper to amend the agenda by adding item VIII. e.) to the Agenda, to consider support of the Manistee Blacker Airport Authority to continue participation in the Alternate Essential Air Service Program.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - January 16, 2018 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances - December 2017
 - Quarterly Financial Update
 - Quarterly Investment Update
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – February 13, 2018
A discussion will be conducted on a MERS presentation and the City Manager’s Quarterly Strategic Plan Update; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of Authorizing the Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.
The Manistee Elks Lodge No. 250 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are applying for the annual St. Patrick’s Day parade to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The parade would start at the corner of Maple and River Street, head west on River and end at the fountain in front of the marina. The start time is 5:00 p.m.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Zielinski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2018-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2018.

The City of Manistee is required by State law to ensure that actual expenditures do not exceed budgeted amounts. Over the course of the current fiscal-year, unanticipated and unbudgeted events and/or Council approved expenditures have occurred. The proposed budget amendment addresses expenditures associated with these events to ensure compliance with State statute regarding appropriations.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to adopt budget amendment 2018-1 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Brief discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING HARBOR COMMISSION SPONSORSHIP SOLICITATION TO FUND PAVING OF MARINA PATIO AREA.

The City of Manistee Harbor Commission has identified the marina patio as an area in need of improvement. The Commission has agreed that concrete would be the best overall surface for the patio. The cost associated with the project will range between \$9,000 and \$11,000. The Commission has formalized an initiative to solicit sponsorships to partner with a company to fund the project.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Pontiac to authorize the Manistee Harbor Commission to solicit sponsorships to fund the paving of the marina patio area. Discussion followed voicing concerns with ability to raise funds in a timely manner; option of using City funds for the project; who will be allowed to use the space.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 6-1.

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

NAYS: Zielinski

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM TOP LINE ELECTRIC TO BUILD AND INSTALL A NEW CONTROL PANEL FOR THE CHERRY STREET LIFT STATION.

The electrical control panel at the Cherry Street Lift Station is scheduled for replacement this year. Top Line Electric is our Vendor of Record and has submitted a proposal to complete the work for \$39,510.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to approve the proposal submitted by Top Line Electric in the amount of \$39,510 to build and install a new control panel for the Cherry Street Lift Station; and authorize signatures to execute the documents. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Z18-03 MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES.

After City Council adopted Ordinance 866 Medical Marihuana Facilities a zoning amendment was needed to determine what zoning districts where a Marihuana Grower, Marihuana Processer, Marihuana Secure Transporter and Marihuana Safety Compliance Facilities would be permitted as a Special Land Use and establish special use standards. On February 1, 2018 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and made recommendation to City Council to approve the amendment.

As an Ordinance two separate readings are required. If this Ordinance is introduced at this time it could be adopted at the next regular meeting.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Cooper to introduce Zoning Amendment Z18-03 Medical Marihuana Facilities. Appreciation was given to Planning and Zoning Director Denise Blakeslee and the Planning Commission for a job well done.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT OF THE MANISTEE BLACKER AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

The Manistee Blacker Airport requested a letter of support from City Council to continue their participation in the Alternate Essential Air Service Program. The Airport Authority spent considerable effort reviewing all proposals and believe their recommendation to be in the best interest of our community.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Pontiac to support the decision of the Manistee Blacker Airport Authority to continue participation in the Alternate Essential Air Service Program.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES.

Mr. Matt Biolette reported on the activities of Republic Services and responded to any questions the Council had regarding their activities.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET PRIORITIES.

City Manager Thad Taylor requested a discussion with Council to get feedback on their budget priorities for the upcoming budget process. Councilmembers provided direction to staff on areas of concern in the budget with consensus that two main priorities were a balanced budget without use of fund balance and more money for streets.

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CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Kozal announced that Fire Fighter Chris Jeffries will be leaving the City of Manistee; he will be missed; it will be hard to fill his shoes.

Mikula was recognized by Council for his 5 years of service with the City.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Zielinski commented on a job well done by the DPW over the past weekend with snow removal.

Goodspeed thanked the Police and Fire for assistance with his mother; they did a great job.

Pontiac thanked everyone for their kind thoughts; proud of our community.

Smith mentioned the DPW did a great job removing snow this past weekend; thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION, UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

City Manager Thad Taylor has requested a Closed Session this evening as permitted by the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8 (c) to discuss contract negotiations with the International Association of Firefighters.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to proceed to Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Time: 8:22 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski to return to Regular Session. Time: 8:57 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Zielinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Heather Pefley CMC, CMMC / MICPT
City Clerk