

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Department Directors, Downtown Development Authority, and Public

Public Comments.

Ed Kriskywicz, 387 River Street / spoke in favor of the Downtown Development Authority; they are a good organization to have.

Karen Goodman, 1925 Twelfth Street, DDA Board Member / informed Council that members from the DDA are present to discuss the TIF plan.

Discussion on Rental Inspection Ordinance and Manistee Housing Commission. Housing Commission Executive Director Clinton McKinven-Copus reviewed how rental inspections for their properties are currently being completed. City rental inspections are not currently performed on these properties. Correspondence received from HUD in 2010 regarding allowability of inspection fees to the City was referenced. Question was raised if it is a law that prevents the Housing Commission from paying for City rental inspections or is it a stance taken by HUD. Council questioned the difference between the HUD inspection and City inspection; would like to see updated correspondence from HUD on this issue. City Manager suggested researching the issue further and then letting Council review the information.

CONSENSUS: City Manager to complete further research and bring back findings to Council.

Joint Discussion with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on a Draft Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan. City Manager Thad Taylor led the discussion with the DDA by clarifying that the City will hold the public hearing on the TIF plan once it has been adopted by the DDA and reviewed by staff. DDA members stated the TIF plan was adopted at the last meeting and will be submitted to staff for review. A brief review of current interim operations was given in addition to plans for replacement of the previous executive director. A job description has been completed and will be posted. DDA would like to see communication between the board and the City improve moving forward.

CONSENSUS: No direction given

Presentation of Quarterly Strategic Plan Update. City Manager Thad Taylor presented the quarterly update of the Council's strategic plan. Discussed and reviewed the current plan and progress being made; will need to look at how staff can address goals assigned to AES.

CONSENSUS: No direction given.

Discussion on Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance. City Manager Thad Taylor asked for clarification from Council on the sidewalk maintenance ordinance with regards to snow removal. 1. Should the City enforce snow removal outside the Central Business District under the maintenance standards of current ordinance. 2. Should staff enforce property owners in the Central Business District to remove snow and ice from their property. Discussed how it could be difficult for some to remove the snow from their property especially senior citizens, those with physical limitations, and seasonal residents; encouraged people to comply, but did not want to enforce removal. DPW Director Jeff Mikula explained the schedule for the sidewalk plow.

CONSENSUS: No direction given.

Staff.

Taylor notified Council of venue change for event scheduled for Wednesday in Filer Township.

Mikula had two items for Council 1.) reminder of MDOT detour schedule for next week Tuesday-Thursday for repairs to US 31 Bridge and explained route for detour. 2.) working with engineer to complete the preliminary engineering on the reconstruct of Twelfth Street from Maple to US 31; we have MDOT grant for this project; must go through State process and meet their standards; will also meet with property owners to discuss impacts and get feedback; setting up location for meeting and then letters will go out.

Council Comments.

Beaton commented on issue of Airbnb rentals; wants us to take a look at this to see how to fit it into the rental program for revenue to the City.

Grabowski asked about misuse of the recycling center and if anything has been done to try to catch who is leaving the items.

Smith stated the waste left at the recycling center costs the City money and there are signs that clearly state what items are allowed; thanked DDA members for their attendance at the meeting.

Adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.

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City Clerk