
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL -NOVEMBER 20, 2018

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, November 20, 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, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy City Clerk – Lora Laurain, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - November 7, 2018 - Regular Meeting
November 13, 2018 - Organizational Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - October 2018 Payroll
 - Invoices
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 27, 2018
A discussion will be conducted on dogs in city parks; and such business as may come before Council.

Councilmember Beaton requested to remove the Notification Regarding Next Work Session from the Consent Agenda and it be addressed in IX (b) Notices, Communications, Announcements.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING 2019 POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES AND NEW FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES AS APPROVED BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION.

The adoption of a resolution establishing poverty exemption guidelines for exemption from property tax contributions is required in order for the Board of Review to grant poverty exemptions. The homestead of persons who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL211.7u). The State Tax Commission requires that the City of Manistee adopt this resolution every year and approve the income guidelines adopted by the State Tax Commission. The resolution states we use the Federal Income guidelines and is

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substantially the same as last year's resolution.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Pontiac to adopt a resolution establishing 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATE STARTING DATE FOR THE 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW.

The City Assessor is requesting Council consideration of a resolution establishing an alternate date for the first session of the 2019 March Board of Review. Last year we held the Board of Review on Monday and the following Thursday. The Assessor proposes to hold the first public meeting of the March 2019 Board of Review on Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 14. This is allowed under Public Act 194 of 2003 under Michigan Compiled Law 211.30.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Pontiac to approve a resolution establishing an alternate 2019 March Board of Review first public meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE HARBOR COMMISSION.

Mr. Ty Cook reported on the activities of the Harbor Commission and responded to any questions the Council had regarding their activities.

NOTIFICATION REGARDING NEXT WORK SESSION.

A Council work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A discussion will be conducted on dogs in city parks, recreational marihuana; and such business as may come before Council.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Pontiac to add discussion on DDA and blight at the work session scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Szymanski wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Grabowski is pleased that a house was taken down.

Zielinski wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Beaton. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Lora Y Laurain
Deputy City Clerk