

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski and Erin Pontiac

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Goodspeed

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Department Directors, and Public

Public Comments None

PRESENTATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN PROMOTION. – Public Safety Director Tim Kozal – Postponed

DISCUSSION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. – City Manager Thad Taylor and Public Safety Director Tim Kozal – City Manager Thad Taylor and Public Safety Director Tim Kozal updated Council on current staffing issues in the Fire Department. Kozal explained that the newly hired firefighter is an EMT and will be attending paramedic training beginning in April while another firefighter has experienced a non-work related injury requiring him to be off work for an indefinite period of time. Kozal stated that he is considering hiring an additional firefighter in an effort to maintain full staffing levels. There will be additional overtime costs during the orientation and training periods for the new firefighters.

CONSENSUS: Council supports and appreciates staff's efforts to maintain staffing levels.

PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES. – City Manager Thad Taylor – City Manager Thad Taylor led the discussion on the Strategic Plan updates.

Progress highlights included these areas:

- Working on alternate locations for the recycling center
- Discussions with CSX Railroad and State Legislators regarding railroad relocation
- Working with DDA interim director reviewing TIF plan
- County Planner attended RRC training

- Preparing new property cards for redevelopment properties
- Moving forward with asset management plan to be presented at next Work Session
- RRCA is updating the master building plan and received its liquor license
- Met with Consumers Energy looking at energy efficiency opportunities
- Scheduled reconstruction for Twelfth Street this summer

CONSENSUS: Council felt that good progress is being made on the Strategic Plan and directed staff to make some edits to more accurately reflect the current City relationship with AES.

DISCUSSION ON 2019 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. – Public Works Director Jeff Mikula and Engineer of Record Shawn Middleton – Public Works Director Jeff Mikula presented information on 2019 construction projects for the City of Manistee and responded to questions Council had regarding the upcoming projects. Total costs for all combined construction is \$21.5 million.

Construction projects include the following:

- RD Projects: General Wastewater Improvements
 - Phase IA – 2019 Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation
 - Phase IB – 2019 Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements
 - Phase IIA – 2019 Wastewater Collection System Improvements
 - Phase IIB – 2019 Clean Water Recovery Facility Improvements
- 12th Street – US31 to Maple Street Reconstruction
- Marina Docks and Riverwalk Seiche Repairs
- Pilot Drinking Water Project

OTHER – Councilmember Szymanski asked if there was any follow up with our congressional representatives regarding the recent alcohol ban on area rivers. City Manager Taylor commended Manistee County Commissioner Jeff Dontz on his efforts to address this issue and attain a one year postponement on the ban.

Mayor Zielinski stated that he will be attending a DDA meeting on February 13, 2019 and asked fellow councilmembers to let him know if they have any input to contribute to that upcoming meeting.

Adjourned at approximately 7:58 pm.

Lora Y. Laurain
Deputy Clerk