

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2018**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, May 8, 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, Staff, Public, Media

Councilmember Zielinski requested to have an item added to the agenda for a seiche event update.

Item was added to the agenda with consensus of Council.

Public Comments.

Diana Wall, 215 7th Street – resident of Manistee for over 30 years, event and program coordinator for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce; spoke in support of the Chamber’s economic development proposal.

Mary Paine, 531 Broad Avenue – thanked Council for allowing the We the People Action Network to speak at the work session; gave background on the group; asked for support on adoption of a resolution for a climate action plan.

Linda Albee, 365 Lighthouse Way S. – urged Council to establish and implement a climate action plan.

Jacob Bergmann, 292 4th Avenue – marketing & communication coordinator for Manistee Chamber of Commerce; gave history on his time in the community and with the Chamber; Chamber leadership is ready to push forward with economic development services for the City.

Al Frye , 2264 Merkey Road - would like to see the City of Manistee known as an eco-friendly environment.

Gini Pelton, 329 1st Avenue – 26-year resident of Manistee; supports the We the People Action Network; impressed with City recycling program and this is another step for us to become greener; also supports the Chamber of Commerce; has been a member for over 10 years; seen impressive growth; asked for consideration of economic development agreement.

Jeanne Butterfield, Merkey Road – grateful to live in Manistee; embrace goals and actions to keep the City green; protect existing natural resources and attract new residents; asked for support with goals of the agreement, forming a working group to develop a proposed climate action plan, and to explore funding; build on work already being done.

Dennis McCarthy 5061 Crescent Beach Road, Onekama, Blarney Castle Oil – City needs someone out selling the community; asked for Council support on the Chamber Economic Development proposal.

Xavier Verna, 1140 Milarch Road – offered support for the We the People Network and also the Manistee Chamber of Commerce; time and energy from Chamber is important for the community and also the Ramsdell Theatre.

Discussion on A Resolution to Support the Paris Climate Agreement. City Manager Thad Taylor led the discussion with environmental standards already within the City's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Codified Ordinance. Staff reviewed several ways the City is already taking environmentally friendly initiatives. Community needs to be made aware of everything that is currently being accomplished; there are always improvements that can be made. Need to establish a plan; what we are doing, what needs to be done and look at establishing a committee for environmental action.

CONSENSUS: Councilmembers would like staff to develop a list of all environmental action currently being done within the City. Staff will bring the list back to Council for review.

Presentation on A Proposed Economic Development Services Agreement from The Manistee County Chamber of Commerce. Stacie Bytwork and Jeff Reau led the discussion on proposed economic development services from the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce.

Discussed:

- Objectives
- Request of \$30,000 to expand staff to serve economic development needs
- 3-5 goals from the City
- DDA is a strong partner
- Coordinate not duplicate services
- Marketing needed for our community
- Chamber top three goals would be
 - Developer Day
 - Business retention & expansion visitation program
 - Identify & Market under-developed property
- Accountability
 - Monthly reports to City Manager/Staff
 - Quarterly reports to Council
 - Open door policy

CONSENSUS: Draft an agreement with City Attorney including objectives from Council including:

1. Developer Day
2. Business retention & expansion visitation program
3. Identify & Market under-developed property
4. Increasing living wage jobs

Discussion on Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center. Council requested continued discussion on Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers and asked that Lieutenant Ambrose from the SSCENT team be invited. Lieutenant Ambrose presented information on Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers including facts, statistics, and impacts; answered questions from Council.

CONSENSUS: No direction given.

Update on Seiche Event. City Manager Thad Taylor led the discussion on the seiche event update including damage assessment, preliminary costs, status of insurance, initial conversation with the insurance adjustor and other related topics. City Engineer Shawn Middleton made a presentation on the seiche event and addressed questions from Council.

Information included:

- Event timeline
- Breakdown of damages to City infrastructure
- Summary of damages & estimated costs
- Potential liabilities & estimated costs

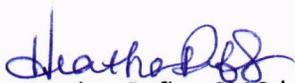
More information will be brought to Council as it becomes available.

Council Comments.

Zielinski asked that everyone keep Catherine Zaring in their thoughts and prayers.

Pontiac commented that the streets are looking good.

Adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.



Heather Pefley CMC | CMMC | MiCPT
City Clerk