

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2019**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 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, Michael Szymanski, and James Grabowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erin Pontiac

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Department Directors, and Public

***Public Comments***

David Holmer, 919 High Street – spoke regarding the open burning ordinance.

***Discussion on Curbside Recycling.*** Matt Biolette of Republic Waste led the discussion on curbside recycling reviewing changes in the market and industry. The City currently has a subscription based curbside recycling plan with low participation. The fees currently collected from curbside recycling customers do not cover the true costs for the service. As a result, they are looking to remove this service at the end of the current contract. If the City was to continue the service after the contact year, the cost to the participating curbside recycling customers would increase significantly or the program would need to be subsidized in the current municipal program.

Consensus: No consensus given.

***STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE.*** City Manager Thad Taylor presented the quarterly update of the Council’s strategic plan and responded to questions from Council.

Items discussed included:

- Tennis Courts – a grant has been submitted to the Community Foundation for the First Street tennis courts; determination has not yet been received.
- Dog Park at Morton Salt park – not an item on the Strategic Plan; will be added to Parks Commission agenda
- Parking lot on River Street across from Art Park – not on the strategic plan; will wait to see what the DDA TIF plan calls for and if not addressed there, will look at some ideas.
- Filer City Marketing Study –address through the economic development initiative through Project Rising Tide.
- New Industrial Park Occupants – update on sale of vacant City owned properties; MEDC selected Renaissance Park for marketing of industrial parks; best opportunity to sell; have had no activity even with reduction in price.
- Nice to see so many items on the Strategic Plan completed.

**DISCUSSION ON OPEN BURNING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE 19-18 AMENDING CHAPTER 1610 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.** Public Safety Director Tim Kozal led the discussion on the Open Burning Ordinance. The City has already adopted the International Fire Code and the 25 foot rule for structures has been in effect since that time.

Discussion included:

- Ordinance is restrictive and impacts majority of residents
- Safety of community is the priority
- Can't be less restrictive than the International Fire Code
- Property line is not included in International Fire Code; could reduce distance restriction from property line
- Nuisance issues
- Time limits/curfews
- Inquiry on restrictions/issues in other communities

Consensus: This item was tabled at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be on the June 18<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.

**OTHER:**

None

Adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Pefley CMC/CMMC, MiCPT  
City Clerk