

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

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

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

Marc Miller introduced himself as the new economic development director for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council.

Public Comments

Ryan Fitzsimmons, 209 St. Mary's Parkway / commented on the awarding of Medical and Recreational Marihuana permits.

DISCUSSION ON REFUSE COLLECTION OPTIONS / REFUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - DPW Director Jeff Mikula and Matt Biolette from Republic Services led a discussion on refuse collection options and refuse committee recommendations. The refuse ad hoc committee primary focus was trash collection in the Downtown District. The committee has recommended two trash corals in the downtown district which the DDA has proposed to fund up to \$80,000. The committee also proposed 3 options for city wide trash collection. The options included keeping the service status quo, changing to an all tote service, or a tote & bag service. Costs for the different options were reviewed.

Consensus: No consensus given.

PROJECT RISING TIDE UPDATE – Community Development Fellow Lissette Reyes gave a presentation for the Project Rising Tide update. Ms. Reyes reviewed the Project Rising Tide initiatives in Manistee and the role of the Project Rising Tide fellow and answered questions from Council.

There will be an agenda item on the first meeting in October to adopt the Project Rising Tide recommendations.

DISCUSSION ON HOUSING ACTION PLAN – Housing North Director Sarah Lucas led the discussion on the Housing Action Plan.

Discussion included:

- Overcoming barriers with housing issues
- Concerns with housing quality
- Awareness and engagement
- Goals and recommendations
- Neighborhood enterprise zone
- Establishing PILOT procedures

DISCUSSION ON POOL AGREEMENT – Councilmember Jim Grabowski led the discussion on the Pool Agreement.

Discussion included:

- Complaints received
- Communication to deal with complaints
- Pool is run by volunteers to keep costs down
- Lifeguards on duty when pool is open
- Pool is an asset to the community
- Report with activities and usage for pool

Consensus: Council would like to see a report from the school on use and activities for the pool. This item will be added to the next work session for discussion.

PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES - City Manager Thad Taylor presented the quarterly Strategic Plan Updates.

Consensus: Council asked that this item be added to the next work session to provide time for them to review the Strategic Plan Updates.

DISCUSSION ON HOW MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA PERMITS WILL BE AWARDED – Mayor Pro-Tem Lynda Beaton led the discussion on how permits will be awarded for Medical and Recreational Marihuana. Some applicants that have applied for permits already hold licenses or are prequalified with the State. Reviewed concerns and recommended approval of site plans. Would like to revisit ordinance that limits the number of licenses for Recreational retail.

Consensus: Council asked that the Recreational Marihuana ordinance be added to next week’s Council meeting for action.

OTHER:

Bradford informed Council that there was a calculation error on the refuse spreadsheet presented and asked that the discussion on refuse collection options be placed on the next work session for further discussion.

Pontiac thanked the fire department and community for help with recent family event.

Goodspeed also thanked the fire department for their assistance with a recent event.

Adjourned at approximately 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Pefley CMC/CMMC, MiCPT
City Clerk