
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – DECEMBER 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Jermaine Cipicic, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac

ABSENT: Dale Cooper

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford (*arrived at 7:04*), Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - November 19, 2019 - Regular Meeting

- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances October 2019
 - Revenue & Expenses October 2019

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – December 10, 2019, 7:00 pm
A discussion will be conducted on the annual RRC process to identify and prioritize redevelopment sites; and such business as may come before Council.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipicic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Zielinski stated Council Committee appointments are as listed in the agenda packet.

Appointments included:

- Alternatives for Area Youth - Pontiac
- Audit Committee - Beaton/Chair, Pontiac, Szymanski
- Local Revenue Sharing Board - Zielinski
- MRA Board - Szymanski
- 911 Board Authority - Kozal
- Oil & Gas Investment Board - Zielinski/Chair, Pontiac, Bradford

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- Ordinance Committee - Grabowski/Chair, Szymanski, Cooper
- Sand Park Control Board - Pontiac, Mikula
- Utilities Committee - Szymanski/Chair, Cipicic, Cooper

City Manager Taylor made the following appointments to the Council Personnel Committee:

- Zielinski, Cipicic, Grabowski

CONSIDERATION OF A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH CLARE COUNTY.

The Manistee Police Department, in partnership with the Sleighbell Committee, has requested assistance from the Clare County Mounted Division. Clare County will assist with police presence and crowd control on December 7, 2019 during and after the Manistee Victorian Sleighbell Parade. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski action to approve the Clare County Mutual Aid Agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipicic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Airport Authority, Board of Review, Compensation Commission, Downtown Development Authority Citizens Council, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Parks Commission, PEG Commission, Tree Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayoral appointments require a motion, second and Council voted support. Nominations for Council appointments do not require a second. After all nominations are made, Council votes on the nominees until one nominee receives majority support.

The following applications have been received:

*Incumbent

AIRPORT AUTHORITY – One vacancy, term ending 11/30/22. This is the City's nomination to the County Airport Authority. Mayoral appointment.

Barry Peterson, 575 Eighth Street*

Mayor Zielinski appointed Barry Peterson, 575 Eighth Street, to the Airport Authority for a term ending 11/30/22. MOTION by Beaton, second by Grabowski to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipicic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

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BOARD OF REVIEW – Two vacancies, one term (alternate) ending 12/31/22 and one term (regular) ending 12/31/22. Applicants shall be taxpaying electors of the City who are owners of property assessed for taxes in the City and, at the time of their appointment, are neither elected or appointed officials of the City; Council appointment.

Ed Kriskywicz, 387 River Street*

Beaton nominated Ed Kriskywicz, 387 River Street to the Board of Review for a regular term ending 12/31/22.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

TREE COMMISSION – Three vacancies, terms ending 12/31/22; Mayoral appointment.

Gerald Haw, 421 Cedar Street*

Sue Verheek, 417 Second Street*

Patricia Sagala, 811 Oak Street*

Mayor Zielinski appointed Gerald Haw, 421 Cedar Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/22. MOTION by Pontiac, second by Szymanski to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

Mayor Zielinski appointed Sue Verheek, 417 Second Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/22. MOTION by Grabowski, second by Cipic to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

Mayor Zielinski appointed Patricia Sagala, 811 Oak Street, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/22. MOTION by Cipic, second by Szymanski to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Cipic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE CITY CLERK.

Ms. Heather Pefley reported on the activities of the City Clerk's Office and responded to any questions the Council had regarding their activities.

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CITIZEN COMMENT

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Mikula gave an update on snow removal and leaf pickup.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Grabowski stated Councilmember Cooper was absent from tonight's meeting because of injuries sustained from a recent fall.

Szymanski reminded everyone this weekend is Sleighbell weekend; events starting Wednesday and the parade is at 5:30 on Saturday.

Beaton hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoys the upcoming Sleighbell weekend.

Zielinski notified Councilmembers that forms for the City Manager's evaluation will be available at the next work session and wished everyone a wonderful weekend.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Beaton. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Heather Pefley CMC/CMMC, MiCPT
City Clerk