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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – April 4, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, and Mark Wittlieff.

ABSENT: James Smith, Erin Pontiac

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, and Finance Director – Ed Bradford.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

*None received.*

### CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - March 20, 2017 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
  - Cash Balances February 2017
  - Revenue & Expense February 2017
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – April 11, 2017  
A discussion will be conducted on the 2017-2018 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.
- Consideration of a Resolution, Administrative Professionals Week and Day.  
In recognition of the contributions to the workplace provided by all administrative professionals, a resolution has been prepared proclaiming the week of April 24-28, 2017 as Administrative Professionals Week and Wednesday, April 26, 2017 as Administrative Professionals Day in the City of Manistee.
- Consideration of Manistee Lions Club Annual White Cane Sale.  
The Manistee Lions Club is requesting permission to hold their annual White Cane Sale fundraiser at various locations in the City of Manistee on Friday, May 12, 2017. This fundraiser helps them support their service projects in the Manistee community.

Beaton requested a correction of the March 20, 2017 minutes to replace the name Kenny with Cooper.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Cooper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYS: None

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 17-01 REPEALING CHAPTER 1489 LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.**

At the March 20, 2017 Council meeting, City Council directed the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 1489 – Low or Moderate Income Housing. The City Attorney has drafted proposed Ordinance 17-01 providing for the repeal of Chapter 1489.

As an ordinance two separate readings are required. This will be the first reading of proposed Ordinance 17-01. If introduced at this meeting Ordinance 17-01 could be adopted at the next regular Council meeting.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Beaton to introduce Ordinance 17-01 repealing Chapter 1489 Low or Moderate Income Housing.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, and Wittlieff  
NAYS: None

### **CONSIDERATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MANISTEE SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB FOR THE USE OF RIETZ PARK BALL FIELD.**

The Manistee Saints Baseball Club has for many years enjoyed near exclusive use of the baseball field at Rietz Park. If Council wishes to continue this arrangement it should enter into a lease agreement stipulating the conditions for use of the baseball field.

MOTION by Wittlieff, second by Cooper to approve a lease with the Manistee Saints Baseball Club for the use of the baseball field at Rietz Park. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, and Wittlieff  
NAYS: None

### **A REPORT FROM ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND THE MANISTEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.**

Ms. Tamara Buswinka reported on the activities of the Alliance for Economic Success and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Ms. Laura Heintzelman reported on the activities of the Manistee County Community Foundation and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 BUDGET.**

Administration has prepared the proposed 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. The Finance Director gave a brief introduction of the City Manager's budget recommendation to City Council and the Community. The public hearing to review these budget recommendations and receive public input on them has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 18. Various work sessions have been established: a regular work session on Tuesday, April 11; a work session on April 18 following the regular meeting; and an optional work session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Taylor and Bradford stated the budget presented met the two directives from council: (1) having a balanced budget without the use of reserved funds, and (2) having no trash haul included; 1.4% increase in taxable value; MERS contribution will be fully funded; and streets will be funded.

**CITIZEN COMMENT.**

*None received.*

**OFFICIALS AND STAFF.**

Taylor stated letters would be sent this week to property owners with illegal sanitary sewer connections.

Mikula stated the sewer system handled the recent rain fall well but still had a CSO hours later; road closures expected for the replacement of valves at the Oak & River intersection; slurry sealing will result in traffic delays and road closures, specifically on River Street and Maple Street; 12<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction will begin the first week of June; currently flushing waterlines.

**COUNCILMEMBERS.**

Beaton asked if a new fire aerial truck was included in the budget; also asked when the DDA discussion will begin and thought it should be added to a work session agenda to discuss options.

Wittlieff wanted to make sure that the issue of signage around Kennedy School was added to a future work session.

Zielinski wanted to thank staff for all of their hard work putting together this year's budget.

**ADJOURN.**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Wittlieff Meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.

Michelle Wright MMC / CPFA, MiCPT  
City Clerk/Chief Deputy Treasurer