

## COUNCIL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2017

A meeting of the Manistee City Council Ordinance Committee was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660. Chair Lynda Beaton called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynda Beaton, Dale Cooper, Mark Wittlieff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Thad Taylor, DPW Director Jeff Mikula

*Public Comments* – None

***Parks Commission Ordinance Amendment Request.*** The Parks Commission has been having a quorum issue since a couple of their members moved outside of the City and no longer were eligible to be members of the commission. At their June meeting the Parks Commission requested two separate ordinance changes:

1. Amend the ordinance to allow up to three nonresidents as long as they own property or have business interests in the City.
2. Broaden the eligibility to fill the nonresident positions and allow applicants who have children enrolled at the Manistee Area Public Schools to be eligible.

Discussed combining the Parks Commission with another group like the Harbor Commission or Tree Commission; Parks Commission requested language; vacancies on other boards and commissions; the number of Councilmembers on various boards and commissions; possibility of having majority of nonresidents, and broadening the eligibility language in the ordinance.

***Consensus / Action:*** The Council Ordinance Committee recommended that the DPW Director work with the City Attorney to add language in Chapter 289, Section 289.02. The draft ordinance should be prepared for presentation to Council at the first meeting in September; as follows:

- A. Members of the Commission shall represent a cross section of the population of the City of Manistee, ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** of whom shall be nonresidents of the City, but who:
  1. Own real estate within the City; or
  2. Own a business or profession having a licensed business location within the City; **or**
  3. **Are parents of a student enrolled in any school within the City limits.**

*Public Comments* - None

MOTION by Dale Cooper, second by Mark Wittlieff to adjourn at approximately 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia J. Lokovich, CAP-OM  
Executive Secretary