
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL -SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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, James Smith, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Nancy Day and Julie Raymond, Paint the Town Pink Event Coordinators / asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Councilmember Catherine Zaring; gave information on plans for this year's event and presented flyers to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes - August 21, 2018 - Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances July 2018
 - Revenue & Expense July 2018
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – September 11, 2018
A discussion will be conducted on DC pension plan, Street Plan, Chapter 1060 Garbage Collection, Chapter 1024 Sidewalk/Riverwalk, Bandshell Committee update; and such business as may come before Council.
- Consideration of the Manistee Catholic Central High School Homecoming Parade.
Manistee Catholic Central High School is requesting approval for their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The parade will assemble near the Manistee Tire parking lot, proceed north on Division Street, and follow River Street west to the Municipal Marina at Pine Street.
- Consideration of Annual Paint the Town Pink Event.
The Munson Manistee Hospital Foundation is requesting approval of the Annual Paint the Town Pink event on Thursday, October 4, 2018. The Foundation will be holding a memorial walk on the Riverwalk that would begin and end at the River Street fountain. If possible, they have requested that River Street be closed to traffic at the fountain to allow two tents to be put up. The event would run from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD GRANT APPLICATIONS.

The Local Revenue Sharing Board (LRSB) distributes 2% money from the Little River Casino. The deadline for 2018 Cycle II applications is Friday, September 7, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. City staff has prepared two grant applications for submission to the Local Revenue Sharing Board. This agenda item will include two separate motions, one for each grant application.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Cooper to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for a public safety taser purchase in the amount of \$11,621.00.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for a public safety utility vehicle slide-in skid unit in the amount of \$5,355.96. Discussion followed regarding the intended use and setup for this unit.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MANISTEE COUNTY TO PROVIDE PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES.

The City's Planning and Zoning Administrator retired on August 31, 2018. Instead of the City hiring a new Planning and Zoning Administrator, Manistee County has offered to provide planning and zoning services through their Planning Department on a contractual basis.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to authorize the City Manager to work with the appropriate Manistee County officials to develop a contract for Council's consideration. Discussion followed.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE TREE COMMISSION.

No report given.

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Kozal stated interdepartmental relations are important and recognized DPW employee Jeremy Randall for everything he does to keep the vehicles going; also stated the Fire Department calls are up year to date and they are keeping busy.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Beaton stated it was a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Zielinski thanked the Paint the Town Pink coordinators for everything they do.

Grabowski expressed appreciation to Chief Kozal and the Fire Department; commented on an article in the Traverse City Record Eagle regarding Downtown Manistee.

Smith commended City Clerk Pefley for receiving her CMMC recertification; stated that MRA director and DDA director were both resigning and moving on to different positions.

CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION, IAFF UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

City Manager Thad Taylor has requested a Closed Session this evening as permitted by the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Section 8 (c) to discuss contract negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to proceed to Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Time: 7:23 p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Goodspeed to return to Regular Session. Time: 7:37p.m.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE IAFF UNION.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Zielinski to approve a four-year collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Heather Pefley CMC / CMMC, MiCPT
City Clerk