
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 19, 2019

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy Clerk – Lora Laurain, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Public Safety Director – Timothy Kozal and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Luna Walker, 471 Fifth St. / presented information on preparing for a deer cull and alternatives for controlling the deer population.

Tom Welsh – 542 Eighth St. / encouraged Council to move forward with a deer cull.

Kathy Grabowski – 1235 Cornell St. / spoke against a deer cull in the City.

Nicole Knapp – 401 Fourth St. / asked Council not to spend City funds for a deer cull.

Bob Grabowski – 341 Fourth St. / stated that it is not a good use of funds to eliminate 20-30 deer.

Janice Waterman – 1010 Maple St. / spoke against spending the proposed amount on a City deer cull.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes
 - February 5, 2019 - Regular Meeting
 - February 12, 2019 - Work Session

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll January 2019
 - Invoices January 2019

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – March 12, 2019, 7:00 pm
 - A discussion will be conducted on Special Events/Use of Public Funds, Capital Improvement Plan presentation, discussion on MAPS Blighted Building/Paine Pool, and a discussion with the DDA; and such business as may come before Council.

- Consideration of Annual Memorial Day Parade
 - The Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce would like to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am. The parade route will run from the corner of Division and River Street, west to Maple Street, north across the bridge to Veteran’s Memorial Park.

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Szymanski, 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 2019 Cycle I applications is Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm. City staff has prepared two grant applications for submission to the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Goodspeed to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for Police Department WatchGuard Body Cameras in the amount of \$19,310.75.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Szymanski, Grabowski and Pontiac
NAYS: None

MOTION by Cooper, second by Goodspeed to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Local Revenue Sharing Board for the Fire Department Paramedic Program in the amount of \$11,159.00.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Szymanski, Grabowski and Pontiac
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2019 USDA DEER CULL

The Manistee Police Department has partnered with the USDA Wildlife Services Division and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in preparing for a deer cull. Through this partnership several properties have been designated as potential sites. The total cost of \$9,947.45 for the cull will cover all aspects of the project from set-up, baiting, dispatching, processing, testing, and donation of the venison.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Goodspeed to approve the 2019 USDA deer cull; subject to appropriate departmental approvals.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5 to 2 .

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed and Szymanski
NAYS: Grabowski and Pontiac

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CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority, Harbor Commission, Parks Commission, PEG Commission, Planning Commission, and the 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 received majority support.

The following applications have been received:

*Incumbent

Downtown Development Authority - One vacancy for an *Interest Member*, term ending 06/30/20; Mayoral appointment.

Kyle Mosher, 50 Greenbush Street

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to appoint Kyler Mosher to the Downtown Development Authority with a term ending 06/30/20.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Parks Commission - One vacancy, term ending 06/30/19. Three members can be non-residents but must own real estate or a business or profession having a licensed business location in the City or have a child attending school within the City; Mayoral appointment.

Tim O'Connor, 330 Fourth Avenue

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Szymanski to appoint Tim O'Connor to the Parks Commission with a term ending 06/30/19.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

Planning Commission - One vacancy, term ending 10/31/20. Applicants must be City residents; Mayoral appointment.

Pamela Weiner, 410 Pine Street

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MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to appoint Pamela Weiner to the Planning Commission with a term ending 10/31/20.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES

Mr. Matt Biolette reported on the activities of Republic Services and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Bradford stated that in examining City Hall accessibility as part of the application process for the Rural Development loans several issues were found and will need to be addressed such as parking, signage and hearing impaired provisions.

Middleton provided updates regarding meetings with the DEQ, permit progress and Rural Development process.

Ms. Lissette Reyes of Project Rising Tide invited Council and members of the community to attend the upcoming Economic Development Summit Monday, February 25, 2019 at the Vogue Theater.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Grabowski asked when the Twelfth Street project will begin construction. Middleton responded that project will begin after the school year is complete.

Beaton expressed excitement regarding the recent West Shore Community College agreement to purchase the Glik's building on River Street.

CONSIDERATION OF A CLOSED SESSION, MANAGER ANNUAL EVALUATION

City Manager Thad N. Taylor has requested a Closed Session this evening as permitted by the Open Meetings Act, Section 8 (a) for discussion on the City Manager's Annual Evaluation.

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MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Grabowski to proceed to Closed Session under Section 8 (a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Time: 7:48 pm.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Grabowski to return to Regular Session. Time: 8:03 pm.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Lora Laurain
City Deputy Clerk