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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, September 17, 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 City Clerk – Lora Laurain, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Edward Bradford and Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal

Motion by Beaton, second by Szymanski to amend the agenda to add item VIII. New Business d.) Consideration of a Purchase Offer on City Surplus Property, 51-260-703-17 Lot 2 on Monroe Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

### CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Rosemerie Dillon, 467 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke on proposed Recreational Marihuana Ordinance 19-23.

Nancy Day, 325 Lighthouse Way, S. and Julie Raymond, 2546 Red Apple Rd., thanked Council for their past support of Paint the Town Pink Celebration and Ribbon Walk events and asked for their continued support.

Michelle Hansen, 387 – 11<sup>th</sup> St., spoke on proposed Recreational Marihuana Ordinance 19-23.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes
  - September 3, 2019
  - September 10, 2019
  - Regular Meeting
  - Work Session
  
- Financial Reports
  - Payroll August 2019
  - Invoices August 2019

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- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – October 8, 2019, 7:00 pm  
A discussion will be conducted on Shoreline Erosion Concepts from the Spicer Group; and such business as may come before Council.
- Consideration Of The Twelfth Annual Paint The Town Pink Event  
Munson Manistee Hospital is requesting approval of the Twelfth Annual Paint the Town Pink event on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm to raise breast cancer awareness. Weatherproof pink bows will be hung in honor and memory of breast cancer victims on lamp posts along Division, Washington and River Streets from September 28 through October 12, 2019. Walkers will assemble near the City Marina, walk east on the Riverwalk and west down River Street to the City Marina. A mayoral proclamation for the event has been requested.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Grabowski 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 911 BOARD AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

There is a vacancy on the 911 Board Authority that needs to be filled due to a recent resignation. A mayoral appointment is needed to fill this vacancy. Mayoral appointments require a motion, second, and Council voted support. Mayor Zielinski appointed Timothy Kozal to the 911 Board Authority.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Szymanski to support the Mayor's appointment of Timothy Kozal to the 911 Board Authority.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 19-23 AMENDING CHAPTER 867 RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA**

The City of Manistee Recreational Ordinance authorizes up to three marihuana retailers and three marihuana microbusinesses. Council discussed at its September 10, 2019 work session expanding the number of retailer and microbusiness licenses. The proposed amendment would increase the number of marihuana retailer licenses and microbusiness licenses in the

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Marihuana Overlay District to five for each. The proposed amendment also limits the duration of a provisional license to one year.

As an ordinance two separate readings are required. If this ordinance is introduced at this time, it could be adopted at the next regular meeting.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Cooper to introduce Ordinance 19-23 amending Chapter 867 Recreational Marihuana Facilities.

With a roll call vote the motion passed, 4-3.

AYES: Beaton, Zielinski, Szymanski and Pontiac

NAYS: Cooper, Goodspeed and Grabowski

### CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Compensation Commission, Downtown Development Authority Citizens Council, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Parks Commission, PEG 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 receives majority support.

The following applications have been received:

\*Incumbent

**Historic District Commission** Two vacancies, one term ending 2/28/20 and one term ending 2/28/22; one member is desired who meets professional qualification standards for archaeologist, architect, architectural historian, historian or historic architect; applicants must be City residents; council appointment.

Dennis Otto, 333 Fifth Street

Motion by Goodspeed to appoint Dennis Otto to the Historic District Commission term ending 2/28/22.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

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**Zoning Board of Appeals** Two vacancies, terms ending 5/31/22; applicants shall be a representative of the population distribution and of the various interests present in the City; mayoral appointment. Mayor Zielinski appointed Kathryn Levy to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Kathryn Levy, 361 Second Street

Motion by Goodspeed, second by Grabowski to support the Mayor's appointment of Kathryn Levy to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 5/31/22.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

### **CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE OFFER ON CITY SURPLUS PROPERTY, 51-260-703-17 LOT 2 ON MONROE STREET**

In January 2018 the City executed an agreement with Coldwell Bankers for real estate broker services for City-owned surplus properties. The lot under consideration this evening was listed at \$105,000 on March 7, 2018. Following negotiation a purchase price of \$90,000 has been offered. A major consideration in the reduced price is the cost of providing City water and sanitary sewer to the site. DPW Director Jeff Mikula has estimated that it would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to access utilities.

Motion by Goodspeed, second by Szymanski to accept a purchase offer from Floyd and Rhonda Graham for City-owned property 51-260-703-17 in the amount of \$90,000.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

### **A REPORT FROM THE TREE COMMISSION AND THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Ms. Janice Waterman reported on the activities of the Tree Commission and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

Ms. Caitlyn Berard reported on the activities of the Downtown Development Authority and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

None

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Cooper asked about a pavement issue on Sophia Street. City Manager Taylor is looking into options with DPW Director Mikula.

Beaton reported a concern from a Sixth Avenue resident regarding bus traffic.

Goodspeed suggested that with Council's recent approval of golf cart use Council should consider addressing golf cart parking.

Szymanski thanked the Manistee County Suicide Awareness Coalition for their efforts in this cause and reminded citizens of their toll free telephone number 800-273-TALK.

Grabowski expressed concern about school hour traffic on Twelfth Street.

Zielinski thanked those in attendance for their comments to Council.

**ADJOURN.**

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Lora Y Laurain  
Deputy City Clerk