

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2019**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Grabowski, Michael Szymanski and Erin Pontiac (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Department Directors, Public, and Media

***Public Comments***

None

***DISCUSSION ON REFUSE COLLECTION OPTIONS / REFUSE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS -*** DPW Director Jeff Mikula, and Finance Director Ed Bradford led a discussion on refuse collection options and refuse committee recommendations. The committee recommends moving from the current three-tiered system to a tote and bag system. The tote and bag system compared to the all-tote system does introduce pricing risk and does not allow for full automation. Pricing was reviewed for the various service level options. The new contract will be a 5-year contract but can include an option to switch to an all tote service if the majority favors that in the future. This could be reviewed on an annual basis. The City's current refuse contract expires June 30, 2020.

CONSENSUS: Council would like staff to draft an agenda item for approval of a tote and bag system with annual usage review to be added to a future Council meeting.

***DISCUSSION ON SHORELINE EROSION CONCEPTS*** – City Engineer Shawn Middleton gave a presentation on the First Street Beach to River Street riverbank erosion repair concepts. Lake Michigan water levels have been persistently high and are 2 inches higher than last month and 3 feet above average for October. Completed and on-going work was reviewed. Areas of erosion, conceptual improvements and estimated project costs were presented as well as potential damages that could occur without further intervention. The next steps include coordinating with USACE/ EGLE regarding permitting, design, and funding and continuing to research and pursue funding options.

***DISCUSSION ON POOL AGREEMENT*** – Councilmember Jim Grabowski led the discussion on the Pool Agreement. Manistee Area Public Schools Business Manager Howard Vass responded to questions from Council.

Discussion included:

- How complaints are handled

- Pool staffing
- Usage rates; City resident discount rate
- Over last 5 years 56% of pool users have been City residents
- Option for millage funding
- Costs for operating the pool
- Many satisfied users of the pool
- Community asset
- New agreement to require quarterly reports to City Manager with yearly report to Council

CONSENSUS: Council advised the City Manager to add the Pool Agreement to future Council meeting agenda for consideration.

**PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES** - City Manager Thad Taylor presented the quarterly Strategic Plan Updates and responded to questions from Council.

Discussion included:

- Adding approved Project Rising Tide items to the Strategic Plan
- Blight Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for later this month

**DISCUSSION ON BRANDING LOGOS** – Community Development Fellow Lissette Reyes presented options to Council for the new Community Image, City Logo, Marina Logo, and City Business Cards. Council chose their favorite design options. The City website and social media pages will be updated with the new image/logo. The new image/logo will be available for all to use.

**DISCUSSION ON DEER CULL** - Councilmember Michael Szymanski led the discussion on the Deer Cull and asked for updates. Sergeant Tom Bruce stated he has been in contact with the USDA and they will be starting the deer cull in January and concluding by the end of February. Issues from the last cull have been reviewed and addressed. All meat from the deer cull is to stay in the City and distributed to food pantries. The site for the cull is the golf course; Sergeant Bruce will reach out to property owner on the Northside for a future deer cull. The number of permits and cost for the cull was reviewed.

**OTHER:**

None

Adjourned at approximately 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Pefley CMC/CMMC, MiCPT  
City Clerk