
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Ramsdell Theatre, 101 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Jermaine Cipic, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Martin Pontiac

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, Fire Chief – Mark Cameron, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHING AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR 314 SIBBEN STREET.

A request has been received from Stephen H. Glagola to establish an obsolete property rehabilitation district for the property located at 314 Sibben Street pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000 to facilitate the redevelopment of the property.

The affected property owner has received formal written notice of the public hearing and the public was provided an opportunity to comment.

No comments received. Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FROM STEPHEN H. GLAGOLA FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 SIBBEN STREET.

An application has been received from Stephen H. Glagola for an obsolete property rehabilitation exemption certificate for the property located at 314 Sibben Street pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000.

The affected property owner has received formal written notice of the public hearing and the public was provided an opportunity to comment.

No comments received. Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

No comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes
 - October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - October 27, 2020 Special Meeting

- Financial Reports
 - Cash Balances September 2020
 - Revenue & Expense September 2020

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- Quarterly Financial Update
- Quarterly Investment Update

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 24, 2020, 7:00 pm
A discussion will be conducted on the Lakeshore Motel Property Development, Water Street and River Street Development Project, DDA Refuse Billing, and Marihuana Licenses; and such business as may come before Council.

MOTION by Grabowski, second by Szymanski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 SIBBEN STREET.

A request has been received from Stephen H. Glagola to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property located at 314 Sibben Street pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000 to facilitate redevelopment of the property. A public hearing on the request was held earlier in this meeting.

MOTION by Cooper, second by Szymanski to approve a resolution establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the property located at 314 Sibben Street.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN OBSOLETE PROPERTY REHABILITATION EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FROM STEPHEN H. GLAGOLA FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 SIBBEN STREET.

An application has been received from Stephen H. Glagola for an obsolete property rehabilitation exemption certificate for the property located at 314 Sibben Street pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000.

A public hearing was conducted earlier in this meeting on this request. This item could be considered if Council took action to establish an OPRA District in the previous agenda item.

MOTION by Cooper, second by Szymanski to approve an application Stephen H. Glagola for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 314 Sibben Street. Discussion included location of the building, zoning, and timeline for completion.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

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CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE.

The City adopts a Schedule of Fees annually as part of the budget process. Two areas, Special Use Permit Changes and Rental Inspection Fees, have been identified as not included on the adopted fee schedule and need to be adopted by City Council so they can be incorporated and published.

MOTION by Grabowski, second by Cooper to amend the City Fee Schedule. Discussed how the rates were established.

MOTION by Cipcic, second by Cooper to AMEND the original motion to increase the fee for an unregistered rental-first notice to \$200 and unregistered rental – second notice to \$400.

With a roll call vote this motion to AMEND the previous motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

Roll call vote was then taken on the original motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies to the Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Tree Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayoral and Manager 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 nominees until one nominee receives majority support.

The following applications have been received: *Incumbent

Tree Commission – One vacancy, term ending 12/31/20; Mayoral appointment.

Sam Corem – 615 Broad Avenue

Zielinski appointed Sam Corem, 615 Broad Avenue to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/20.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Cooper to support the Mayor's appointment of Sam Corem. 615 Broad Avenue to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/20.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

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CITIZEN COMMENT

No comments received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

No comments received.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Zielinski offered acknowledgement to Councilmember Cooper for his final meeting on City Council and thanked him for his service.

Cooper expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the City Council.

Zielinski asked Council their feelings on returning to virtual meetings.

Council would like the City Manager and staff to make arrangements for virtual meetings to begin November 17th preferably with Council and Staff attending with video and the public is to attend with audio only.

Zielinski thanked the Clerk for her work on the election.

Martin Pontiac asked for an update on the US 31 project and the leaf pickup program.

Szymanski complimented the Clerk and election inspectors on a well-organized election and thanked the citizens for exercising their right to vote in a safe and respectful manner.

Cooper congratulated Kirsten Goodspeed on her promotion to Detective Sergeant.

ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn was made by Szymanski. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Heather Pefley MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk