
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm remotely as authorized by the Opens Meeting Act (MCL 15.263a).

PRESENT: David Bachman, Roger Zielinski, Jermaine Cipic, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Martin Pontiac

ABSENT: Lynda Beaton

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

No comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes
 - November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - November 10, 2020 Organizational Meeting

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll October 2020
 - Invoices October 2020

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

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

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Zielinski, Cipic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF USDA/APHIS/WILDLIFE SERVICES TO HOLD A DEER CULL IN THE CITY OF MANISTEE IN 2021, AT A DATE TO LATER BE DETERMINED.

The USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services is requesting an agreement with the City of Manistee to be entered into for the purpose of holding a deer cull in 2021, at a date to be specified in the future. Funds for the deer cull in 2021 have been budgeted; however, an additional amount is being sought by the USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services that more accurately represents the cost involved with holding a cull. The amount previously budgeted for the cull is \$10,000.00 and the amount now being requested totals \$15,500.00.

No MOTION received.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 17, 2020

CONSIDERATION OF THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) GRANT.

The City of Manistee has been awarded \$6,171.00 of CESF Grant reimbursement funds through the Michigan State Police. These grant funds will reimburse both past and future qualifying purchases by the Manistee City Police Department related to preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Both the award by the DOJ to the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Grant Contract with the MSP require that the award be signed by an “authorized official” of the State, local, or tribal government.

MOTION by Grabowski, second by Bachman to authorize either the City Manager, Thad Taylor or the Chief of Police, Josh Glass to sign the contract as an “authorized official” for the City of Manistee.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT).

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is replacing the M-55 Bridge over the Manistee River. The City has water and sewer mains attached to the existing bridge. The City is required to relocate the utilities to accommodate the new bridge. MDOT has designed the relocations and has bid the project. The engineer’s estimate is \$309,000 and the City has set aside \$400,000 for the project.

MOTION by Szymanski second by Grabowski to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A PICKUP TRUCK PURCHASE.

The current motor pool budget includes the replacement of two pickup trucks. This item was presented before City Council in September of 2020 and was not approved. Since that time, one of the existing trucks (Truck #124) has been removed from service and requires replacement. Pricing for model year 2021 trucks is now available and has increased over \$3,500.00 over the 2020 models.

Gorno Ford has the MiDeal contract and has two stock 2020 trucks available for purchase. DPW is requesting to replace Trucks #124 and #118 with two 2020 trucks from Gorno Ford.

MOTION by Bachman, second by Szymanski to approve the purchase of two F250 pickup trucks from Gorno Ford for \$31,680.00 each. Discussed the reason for purchasing two trucks, where the trucks will be used, and the vehicle replacement scheduled for the DPW.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 17, 2020

AYES: Bachman, Zielinski, Cipcic, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT

No comments received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Mikula updated Council on the trends at the WWTP and stated the sewer lining project is showing a positive impact.

Middleton gave a presentation on data from the WWTP and answered questions from Council.

Mikula gave an update on the leaf pick up program; the pickup will continue through the first week of December if the weather allows.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Cipcic asked for an updated blight report from the Police Chief.

Grabowski inquired if additional measures would be taken at the site of last week's accident on the river. He also requested a list of all trucks at the DPW and asked if there will be recognition given to Officer VanSickle for the fire rescue he performed.

Szymanski asked if additional action was needed by Council to again allow restaurants to reserve parking spots in front of their establishment for pick-up of take out orders; requested to have the deer cull issue put on a future work session for discussion; commented tree root intrusion into sewer lines and wondered what could be done to allow for removal of the trees causing problems.

Zielinski offered appreciation to Chief Glass and all departments who assisted with the accident that occurred last week and offered his condolences to the families of the victims.

ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn was made by Grabowski. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Heather Pefley MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk