
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – JULY 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Lynda Beaton on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: David Bachman, Lynda Beaton, Cindy Lundberg, Jermaine Sullivan, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Martin Pontiac

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Bill Gambill, City Attorney – George Saylor, Deputy Clerk – Lora Laurain, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Edward Bradford, Police Chief – Josh Glass, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Financial Reports Cash Balances May 2022
Revenue & Expenses May 2022
- Notification Regarding Next Study Session – August 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
A discussion will be conducted on 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, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The City of Manistee routinely performs utility work and other activities within the US-31 corridor. The Performance Resolution sets forth terms for Individual Permits and Annual Permits required for those activities. The City has a current agreement in place, however MDOT has updated the language. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolution.

MOTION by Grabowski second by Martin Pontiac to approve the Performance Resolution for Municipalities and authorize the Clerk to sign, and further authorize the Public Works Director and the City Manager to apply for MDOT permits on the City's behalf.

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With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING A BID FOR UTILITY PATCHES

The City of Manistee annually solicits bids to complete utility patches throughout the City. 2021 bids were extremely high and were rejected. The Public Works solicited new bids this spring, with one bid being received.

Martin Pontiac disclosed that she is employed by Reith Riley. No bid was received by Reith Riley for this project and therefore there is no conflict of interest for Martin Pontiac.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to approve a bid from Team Elmer's in the amount of \$30,840.00.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2022-02 FOR FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2022

The City of Manistee is required by State law to ensure that actual expenditures do not exceed budgeted amounts. Over the course of the current fiscal-year, unanticipated and unbudgeted events and/or Council approved expenditures have occurred. The proposed budget amendment addresses expenditures associated with these events to ensure compliance with State statutes regarding appropriations.

MOTION by Bachman, second by Grabowski to adopt budget amendment 2022-02 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Housing Commission has taken action to advertise among their residents the one resident vacancy, five-year term.

This is a mayoral appointment which requires a motion, second and Council voted support.

The following application has been received:

*Incumbent

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*James B. Bond – 273 Sixth Avenue #303

Mayor Beaton announced that there would not be an appointment made to the Housing Commission at this time. Beaton requested a notice of the Housing Commission resident vacancy be posted on the City of Manistee website and the postponement of an appointment until the next regular City Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Harbor Commission, Historic District Commission, Oil and Gas Investment Board, PEG Commission, and Tree Commission.

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 the nominees until one nominee receives majority support.

The following applications have been received:

*Incumbent

Board of Review – One vacancy (alternate), term ending 12/31/22; Applicants must be taxpaying electors of the City who are owners of property assessed for taxes in the City and, at the time of their appointment, are neither elected nor appointed officials of the City; Council appointment.

Corinn Fink – 255 First Street

MOTION by Grabowski to appoint Corinn Fink, 255 First Street, to the Board of Review as an alternate with term ending 12/31/22.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Two vacancies, one (1) term ending 6/30/24, one (1) term ending 6/30/25; Mayoral appointment.

Corinn Fink – 255 First Street

Mayor Beaton appointed Corinn Fink, 255 First Street, to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority term ending 6/30/24.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to support Mayor Beaton's appointment of Corinn Fink to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority term ending 6/30/24.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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Harbor Commission – Three vacancies, one (1) term ending 10/31/22, one (1) term ending 10/31/23, one (1) term ending 10/31/24; Two members can be nonresidents but must own real estate or a business or profession having a licensed business location in the City; Council appointed.

Mary Lou Mydill – 565 Bryant Avenue

MOTION by Szymanski to appoint Mary Lou Mydill, 565 Bryant Avenue, to the Harbor Commission term ending 10/31/24.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

Oil and Gas Investment Board – One vacancy, term ending 6/30/26; Mayoral appointment.

*Jeff Reau – 263 River Street

Mayor Beaton appointed Jeff Reau, 263 River Street, to the Oil and Gas Investment Board term ending 6/30/26.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Martin Pontiac to support Mayor Beaton’s appointment of Jeff Reau to the Oil and Gas Investment Board term ending 6/30/26.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac

NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE MANISTEE BLACKER AIRPORT

Mr. Barry Lind reported on the activities of Manistee Blacker Airport and responded to questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Gambill provided updates to Council regarding Mack Park fencing, MRA survey, Request for Services on the website, and DDA Streetscape bidding process. Gambill reported that City of Manistee Charter revisions will be addressed in September.

Bradford clarified the waterways grant received was \$200,000.

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Glass reported there were no major incidents during the recent Forest Festival.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Martin Pontiac commended all who worked to make the Forest Festival a success.

Grabowski reported good attendance at Forest Festival events, and he has been receiving complaints regarding the Bird Scooters.

Szymanski asked about recent yellow markings discovered on City of Manistee streets.

Bachman stated there are many scooters, both Bird and privately owned, being utilized in the city.

Lundberg stated she likes to see scooters being used, thanked everyone who worked on the Forest Festival, and is concerned about current and possible future staffing issues for local businesses.

Beaton was impressed with local talent showcased in the Little Big Shots event and thanked the City of Manistee for making the Forest Festival a successful event.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Szymanski to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Lora Y Laurain, CMC / MiPMC II
Deputy Clerk