
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – November 21, 2017

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Michelle Wright, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Finance Director – Ed Bradford, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

None received.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - November 8, 2017 - Regular Meeting
 - November 14, 2017 - Organizational Meeting

- Financial Reports
 - Payroll - October 9-22, 2017 - \$ 117,946.08
 - Invoices - October 6, 2017 - \$ 505,619.30
 - October 23, 2017 - \$ 141,151.30

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 28, 2017
A discussion will be conducted on Medical Marijuana Ordinance, Sidewalk Ordinance / Program, Riverfront Leases, Sale of City Property Policy, Recycling Program; and such business as may come before the Council.

MOTION by Zielinski, second by Cooper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

PRESENTATION BY KEN TALSMA OF ANDERSON TACKMAN ON THE JUNE 30, 2017 AUDIT.

Ken Talsma, lead auditor of Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC, gave an overview of the City's June 30, 2017 audit; stated the City has an unmodified opinion; at the end of the fiscal year the General Fund's fund balance increased to \$1,093,119; long-term debt decreased by \$1,936,778; an Act 51 audit was also completed and reported satisfactory, MDOT will no longer require this in the next fiscal year.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Board of Review, Parks Commission, and the Tree Commission.

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)

BOARD OF REVIEW. Two vacancies, one regular member and one alternate member, terms expiring 12/31/20. Applicants must be City taxpaying, registered voters; Council Appointment.

Judianne Sibley, 241 Hughes Street* (regular member)

Beaton nominated Judianne Sibley, 214 Hughes Street, to the Board of Review (regular member) for a term ending 12/31/20.

With a roll call vote this nomination passed unanimously.

SIBLEY: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
OTHER: None

PARKS COMMISSION. Four vacancies, two terms ending 6/30/18, one term ending 6/30/19, and one term ending 6/30/20. Three appointments may be non-residents but must own real estate or a business/profession having a licensed business location in the City or have a child attending school within the City; Mayoral appointment.

Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street
Frank Cardelia, 580 Broad Avenue

Mayor Smith appointed Tom Swedenborg, 562 First Street, to the Parks Commission for a term ending 6/30/20. MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac
NAYS: None

Mayor Smith appointed Frank Cardelia, 580 Broad Avenue, to the Parks Commission for a term ending 6/30/19. MOTION by Zielinski, second by Beaton to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

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NAYS: None

TREE COMMISSION. One vacancy, term ending 12/31/20; Mayoral appointment.

Patricia Williams, 105 Lighthouse Way*

Smith appointed Patricia Williams, 105 Lighthouse Way, to the Tree Commission for a term ending 12/31/20. MOTION by Beaton, second by Goodspeed to support the Mayor's appointment.

With a roll call vote this appointment was approved unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENT.

None received.

OFFICIALS AND STAFF.

Taylor stated the non-emergency City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mikula stated they will continue to pick up leaves throughout the City, making a complete circuit of the City each week through the first week of December.

Middleton wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILMEMBERS.

Councilmembers wished everyone a safe, happy Thanksgiving.

Beaton would like a discussion at next week's work session regarding her appointment and responsibilities to the AES board.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed, second by Zielinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Michelle Wright MMC / CPFA, MiCPT
City Clerk/Chief Deputy Treasurer