
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – OCTOBER 15, 2019

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor Roger Zielinski on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes
 - October 1, 2019 - Regular Meeting
 - October 8, 2019 - Work Session
- Financial Reports
 - Payroll September 2019
 - Invoices September 2019
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 26, 2019, 7:00 pm
A discussion will be conducted on such business as may come before Council.
- Consideration of Annual Victorian Sleighbell Parade and Old Christmas Weekend.
The Manistee Downtown Development Authority requests authorization to conduct the 31st Annual Victorian Sleighbell Parade and Old Christmas Weekend from Thursday, December 5 through Sunday, December 8, 2019; with activities focused in the downtown area. The event will include closing several streets in the City to accommodate the parade and other activities. Please see the attached list for proposed requested assistance and timetables.

Councilmember Goodspeed requested removal of item V. Approval of Minutes from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Szymanski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the removal of item V. Approval of Minutes.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Approval of the minutes of the October 1, 2019 regular meeting and the October 8, 2019 work session as attached.

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MOTION by Beaton, second by Cooper to approve the minutes. No discussion ensued.

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-2.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Szymanski, and Pontiac

NAYS: Goodspeed and Grabowski

CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNITY POOL AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PAINE AQUATIC CENTER.

The original agreement expired on August 12, 2019. A new agreement has been reached with the Manistee Area Public Schools. The agreement is, for the most part, identical to the original agreement. This agreement is for five (5) years and will automatically renew for an additional five (5) years unless otherwise amended and signed by both parties in writing. The City's annual contribution will remain the same at \$40,000.

This item was tabled at the August 20, 2019 Council meeting and further discussed at the Council work sessions of September 10 and October 8, 2019.

MOTION by Goodspeed, second by Szymanski to approve the new Intergovernmental Community Pool Agreement for the Operation of the Paine Aquatic Center; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document.

Discussion included:

- Pool is a positive asset/resource for the City of Manistee
- Financial Information provided for the pool
- Communication of complaints and follow-up
- Terms of agreement; ability to exit the agreement for default of obligation

With a roll call vote this motion passed, 5-2.

AYES: Zielinski, Goodspeed, Szymanski, Grabowski and Pontiac

NAYS: Cooper and Beaton

A REPORT FROM THE RAMSDELL REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS.

Mr. Xavier Verna reported on the activities of the Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts (RRCA) and responded to any questions the Council had regarding their activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Taylor reminded Council he is leaving on extended vacation; Ed Bradford will be handling any immediate needs in his absence.

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Pefley updated Council on applications received for Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center permits and Recreational Retail licenses.

Kozal expressed his gratitude for assistance received from Larry Fenner with an accident on River Street.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Pontiac asked if there would be trick or treating downtown this year; Taylor will follow up on this.

Szymanski questioned the date of the next work session; November 12th is the organizational meeting and the work session is the 26th.

Zielinski thanked everyone for their participation.

ADJOURN.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Goodspeed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Heather Pefley CMC/CMMC, MiCPT
City Clerk