CITY OF MANTON
City Commission Meeting
Agenda

Date: August 25, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Manton Senior Center
302 W. Main St.
Manton, MI 49663

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Fullerton, Gillett, Johnson, Rayment, Siddall, Wilkins

3. Approval of Minutes

A. July 21, 2026 City Commission Meeting Minutes

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Public Comment: Agenda Items Only, 3 Minute Limit.

6. Department and Committee Reports

7. New Business

A. Election Polling Location Change
Discussion and consideration of relocating the polling location to the Manton Library for upcoming elections.

B. Delayed City Hall Hours Following Election Day
Discussion and consideration of opening City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on November 4 following Election Day activities.

C. Memorial Tree Planting in Railroad Park
Discussion and consideration of planting a memorial tree in Railroad Park in honor of Mike Long.

D. Human Resources Committee Review
Discussion and authorization for the HR Committee to begin reviewing and updating employee personnel files and City policy handbooks.

E. FOIA Appeal Consideration
Discussion and consideration of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) appeal submitted by the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE).

F. Golf Cart Bids
Review and consideration of bids received for the purchase of a golf cart.

8. Public Comment: General, 3 Minute Limit.

9. Adjournment

CITY OF MANTON

Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026
Manton Senior Center
302 W. Main Street, Manton, Michigan

1. Call to Order

Mayor Steve Sisco called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Fullerton, Gillett, Johnson, Rayment, Siddall, Wilkins.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Mayor: Steve Sisco, Interim City Superintendent: Garry Brown, City Clerk, Nicole Traxler and City Treasurer, Rebecca Middleton.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Wilkins
Second: Commissioner Fullerton

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Gillett
Second: Commissioner Rayment

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

5. Public Hearing – Final Splash Pad Report

Motion: Commissioner Johnson
Second: Commissioner Gillett

Voice Vote:

The public hearing on the Final Splash Pad Report was opened at 7:02 p.m.

- Final project expenditures and funding sources were reviewed.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson
Second: Commissioner Gillett

Voice Vote:

The public hearing on the Final Splash Pad Report was closed at 7:07 p.m.

6. Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

Public comment was heard.

7. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Resolution 2026-13 – Cross Deputation for Clerk and Treasurer

Resolution 2026-13 establishing cross-deputation of the City Clerk and City Treasurer was presented for consideration.

Motion by: Commissioner Wilkins
Second by: Commissioner Fullerton

Roll Call Vote:

- Fullerton – Y
- Gillett – Y
- Johnson –Y
- Rayment – Y
- Siddall – Y
- Wilkins – Y

Motion carried. Resolution 2026-13 was adopted.

B. Resolution 2026-14 – Letter of Intent to Join MI-MABAS

Fire Chief Eric Wilkins presented Resolution 2026-14 regarding participation in the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MI-MABAS).

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson
Second by: Commissioner Gillett

Voice Vote.

Motion carried.

B. Alley Abandonment

The Commission considered rescinding prior action related to abandonment of the alley between East Main Street and First Street as requested by Patricia Berg.

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson
Second by: Commissioner Fullerton

Voice Vote.

Motion Carried.

10. New Business

GenH-Next Generation Hydropower
Information and Discussion
Wex Express Updates
Presenter: Carrie Thompson
Allpro
Presenter: Wes Brown
Purchase of new laptops for City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson
Second by: Commissioner Gillett

Roll Call Vote:

- Fullerton – Y
- Gillett – Y
- Johnson -Y
- Rayment- Y
- Siddall- N
- Wilkins – N

Motion Carried.

Motion by: Commissioner Gillett
Second by: Commissioner Johnson

Roll Call Vote:

- Fullerton – Y
- Gillett – Y
- Johnson – Y
- Rayment – Y
- Siddall – Y
- Wilkins – Abstain

Motion carried. Resolution 2026-14 was adopted.

8. Reports of Mayor, Officers, Boards, and Committees

Mayor/Administration

Reports were received regarding:

- Housing grant reimbursement activity.
- Rotary Park improvements donation.
- Information technology transition matters.
- FOIA-related expenses.

Department Reports

Written reports were received from:

- Department of Public Works.
- Fire Department.
- Police Department.
- Treasurer.

9. Unfinished Business

A. East Elm Street Abandonment

The Commission considered rescinding prior action related to abandonment of the unused portion of East Elm Street as requested by Jaimie and Jeremy Garno.

West Street Property

Authorization to advertise for bids, starting at $9000.00

Motion: Commissioner Johnson
Second: Commissioner Gillett

Roll Call Vote:

- Fullerton – Y
- Gillett -Y
- Johnson -Y
- Rayment -Y
- Siddall -Y
- Wilkins-Y

MMTA Training – Rebecca

August 16-19, 2026 in Grand Rapids.

Motion: Commissioner Fullerton
Second: Commissioner Rayment

Roll Call Vote:

- Fullerton -Y
- Gillett – Y
- Johnson – Y
- Rayment -Y
- Siddall -Y
- Wilkins – Y

Motion Carried.

MERS Training – City Clerk and City Treasurer

August 26, 2026 in Gaylord.
No Registration Fee.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson
Second: Commissioner Fullerton

Voice Vote.
Motion Carried.

Election Commission Designation

Election Commission Designated to include: Nicole Traxler, Lisa Gillett, and Linda Kimbel.

Motion: Commissioner Johnson
Second: Commissioner Siddall

Voice Vote.
Motion Carried.

11. Public Comments (3 minute limit)

Public comment heard.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Siddall
Second: Commissioner Rayment

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole R. Traxler

Nicole Traxler, City Clerk

Approved: _____

Fire Chief
Eric Wilkins

Station 700
306 W Main Street
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Manton, MI 49663
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Deputy Chief
Travis Baker

Manton Fire Department

July 2026 Activity Report

Date: August 11, 2026

Incident Responses

During the month of July 2026, the Manton Fire Department responded to **eight (8) incidents**, including:

- **Downed Wires:** 3
- **Vehicle Fire:** 1
- **Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA):** 2
- **Structure Fire:** 1
- **Medical:** 1

Training

During July, firefighters participated in training focused on **apparatus placement, pump operations, and hydrant fundamentals**.

Firefighters were presented with various scenarios requiring them to determine the appropriate placement of the apparatus and establish the requested **attack line and supply lines used to and from the engine**. These exercises provided valuable hands-on experience and reinforced the department's ability to respond effectively to a variety of emergency situations.

City of Manton
Fire Chief

Eric Wilkins

City of Manton Police Department

Manton, MI

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Manton Police Monthly Report August 2026

Complaints

So far this year MPD has responded to 121 complaints compared to 83 this time last year. The nature of these complaints range from, trespassing, non-aggravated assault, mental health calls, animals at large and suspicious situations.

Notable Events

The Manton Truck show was a success with no major incidents to report.

Community Concerns

Time has been spent educating bicyclists and parents on laws pertaining to their operation.

Officer C Bussell continues to spend significant time focusing on the blight issues. She has been able to contact the owners of nearly fifty residences. A major portion of that number, the residents who have fixed the violations or are in the process.

Closing

As summer draws to an end we will begin to focus on the new school year and traffic around the school.

August 2026

Water

* Service water leak at 510 S Michigan. Customers side, City going to have to install sidewalk.
* Water Pumpage is averaging around 90,000 gpd.
* State testing complete.

Sewer

* Mowed the sewer ponds.
* Hay done, Starting second cutting
* Ponds sprayed for weed control.

Roads

* Brine applied to Holmes st. Second application
* Weed whipping of the sidewalks, skate park, alleys have been started.
* Street sweeper coming next week.
* Gravel for shoulders starting after Labor Day.

Parks

- Clean up for Harvest Festival.
- Wi-Fi at splash pad Camera to follow.

Misc.

- Tree trimming done around town.
- Part time help are done for the season

Host Site Agreement- Manton Library

This agreement is made and entered into between the City of Manton, 306 W Main St, Manton, MI 49663, hereinafter referred to as the City and the Manton Branch of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library, 411 South Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601, hereinafter referred to as the Library.

Host Site: The Manton branch of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library located at 603 State Street, Manton, MI 49663 agrees to allow the City to use portions of the Manton Library as a polling place for in person voting.

Terms: The Agreement shall be of a continuous and indefinite term. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:

a. The parties by mutual written consent by agree to terminate this Agreement as of a date specified, or

b. A party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other party at least 180 days prior to the termination date.

Use and Duration of Use of the Host Site: The Manton Library shall be used as an in-person polling place (excluding early voting) for State and Federal and Local elections conducted by the City during the term of this Agreement. The City's use of the Manton Library and the conduct of any election shall comply with applicable Federal, State and County rules and regulations for polling places for elections. The City of Manton will share the dates of all scheduled elections with the Library as soon as possible due to the need to close the library on those scheduled dates. Generally, the duration of the City's use of the Manton Library will be after the closing of the Manton Library on the day preceding the election for set up and ending at 12:00 am on the day of the election itself. In the event circumstances require a longer period of use for a particular election, the City will advise the Manton Library of such need which the Library will make every reasonable effort to accommodate.

Access: The Manton Library shall provide adequate access to the host site at the times required for the City's use. Portions of the building which will not be necessary for the use of the City as a polling place will be blocked or cordoned off by library staff. Library computers will not be available for use by the public or by election staff, though wifi will remain available.

Signs/Voter Information: During the period of use by the City, it shall be permitted to place such signs at parking lot entrances and other places on the Library property, as necessary and appropriate to direct the public to the polling place. The City shall also be permitted to temporarily affix to the Library property such notices, informational signs, sample ballots, etc., as appropriate and required for an election. The City's placement of such signs and notices shall be accomplished to the greatest extent possible without otherwise covering or disturbing the Library's property.

Insurance: The Manton Library, as the tenants of the building and the City of Manton, as the owners of the building, shall maintain the insurance coverage agreed upon in the lease terms of the Manton Library Building.

Clean Up: The City, at the end of the election day, shall remove from the Library all materials and equipment which the City brought onto or affixed to the Library premises and any other parts of the Library property. By such time, the City shall leave the Library premises in as good and as clean as conditions as they were prior to use.

Content: The City recognizes that the contents of the building are the sole property of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library and as such agrees to safeguard said property to the best of its ability.

Cooperation: The Manton Library understands and acknowledges that during the periods of the City's use of the Library's premises priority must be given to the efficient and effective operation of the polling place to assure the lawful conduct and purity of the elections held there. Host Site, accordingly, will cooperate to the best of its ability to schedule and accommodate such use. The parties agree to communicate to that end.

Utilities/Chairs/Tables: As part of the consideration, the Library agrees to provide during the City's use of the Library premises all necessary utilities, including, without limitation, heating, air conditioning/ventilation, lighting, electricity, internet connectivity, and rest room facilities. The Library will also permit the City to use tables and chairs that the Library has available to accommodate the City's poll workers. Security cameras, if any located in the Host Site shall be turned on at all times during City's use of the building and saved for thirty (30) days.

Adequacy of Leased Premises: The city of Manton has inspected the Manton Library and has determined its adequacy for use as a polling place. In the event the Manton Library alters or remodels the host site, in whole or in part, the Manton Library shall advise the City of such fact to enable the City to re-inspect the host site premises as to its continued adequacy for use as a polling place.

The Cadillac Wexford Public Library	The City of Manton
Manton Location	
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

August 23, 2026

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Re: Appeal of Freedom of Information Act Denial/Supplement

Dear Aaron and Carrie,

This is a supplement to the City of Manton's Response, dated July 16, 2026, to FIRE's June 30, 2026 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request. This pertains to the first four specific document requests repeated below:

Please provide the following records for the period January 1, 2026, through the date this request is processed:

1. All records reflecting the reason, purpose, justification, or factual basis for Resolution 2026-12, including any records identifying the conduct, speech, social media activity, public comments, complaints, public records requests, individuals, organizations, or events that prompted or contributed to the resolution.
2. All records concerning the resolution's statement that "one or more individuals have engaged in a deliberate, ongoing, and escalating campaign of cyberbullying, online harassment, and personal attacks directed at City Commissioners," including records identifying the individual or individuals, conduct, communications, posts, videos, or other materials referred to in that statement.
3. All records concerning the resolution's reference to "false, misleading, threatening, and inflammatory statements through social media and electronic communications," including records identifying the statements, communications, posts, or other materials the City considered false, misleading, threatening, or inflammatory.
4. All records concerning the resolution's distinction between protected criticism and allegedly unprotected conduct, including records explaining what speech, conduct, public comments, social media activity, electronic communications, public records requests, complaints, or criticism the City believes may fall outside First Amendment protection.

The City's response stated:

This request is **Denied** based upon the FOIA exemption at MCL 15.243 (1) as set forth below:

(1) A public body may exempt from disclosure as a public record under this act any of the following:

(a) Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy.

The requested records consist of Facebook postings and/or videos or emails that contained content that was personally and emotionally offensive to a member of the City Commission and addressed personal issues. Further disclosure of the documents would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the Commissioner's individual's privacy. Rights to appeal are included below.

As a supplement to that response, dated July 16, 2026, it should be added that the foregoing documents – being contained on the Facebook postings of private individuals - do not constitute public records of the City of Manton as defined within MCL 15.232 (i). Although they may have been viewed by one of more members of the City Commission, they never came into the possession of the City.

I can acknowledge that I, as City attorney, received one email, dated May 13, 2026 that contained material that was personally and emotionally offensive to a member of the City Commission and addressed personal issues, and is being withheld under the foregoing privacy exemption.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Grier

Attorney, on behalf of the City of Manton

CITY OF MANTON
WEXFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OFFER FOR SALE AND INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPETIVE BIDS
FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Manton, whose offices are located at 306 W. Main St., Manton, Michigan, 49663, is offering for sale a City-owned 2015 Club Car Precedent golf cart as depicted in the photo below:

Members of the public are invited to submit bids in sealed envelopes identifying the purchase price offered for the golf cart and the name, address and phone number of the person making the bid, by delivering the bid to the City offices located at 306 W. Main St., Manton, Michigan, 49663, by 3 p.m. Friday, August 21, 2026. Any bid over the amount of $5,400 will be considered. The golf cart may be inspected between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, by contacting the City Clerk at (231) 824-3572 or by coming to the City offices during those same hours.

The bids shall be opened and read aloud by the City Clerk at the City Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at the Manton Senior Citizen Center located at 302 West Main Street, Manton, Michigan, 49663. Thereafter, the City Clerk shall report the bids to the City Commission at this same meeting on August 25, 2026. The City Commission may accept or reject any and all bids if deemed advisable.

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
County of Wexford }

Brenda Vanderhoef of Cadillac News, a paper published in the County of Wexford and circulated in the Counties of Wexford, Missaukee, Osceola; being duly sworn, deposed and says that she is Advertising Support of said newspaper and that a notice, a true copy of which is annexed hereto, has been duly published in said paper on the following date(s):

August 13, 2026

Brenda Vanderhoef

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August A.D. 2026.

Tara Lynn Hall, Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of Wexford.
My commission expires: August 30, 2026

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