

CITY OF MANTON

City Commission Meeting

Minutes

Date: August 25, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Manton Senior Center, 302 W. Main St., Manton, MI 49663

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro Tem, Jessica Wilkins: Commissioners: Lisa Gillett, Nichole Johnson, Rick Rayment, Parker Siddall

Absent: Sue Fullerton

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the, July 21, 2026, City Commission Meeting Minutes.

Voice Vote was held and Motion carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rayment, to approve Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote was held Motion carried.

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

No public comments were received.

6. Department and Committee Reports

Reports were received from the following departments and committees:

- DPW, Police Chief, and Fire Chief Reports located in Meeting Packet.
- Garry Brown reported that the City of Manton received a check from True North for approximately \$16,100.00 from invoices that were not billed properly from the previous year. True North honored all past invoices that were submitted to them.

Accounting "catch up" is still in the works. Due to lack of staff, posting of many items were not done at all, or correctly, so those corrections are being made. Hopefully soon, the City Clerk will be able to set up a meeting with the Financial Committee to make budget amendments for the rest of this fiscal year and begin prepping a budget for next fiscal year.

Effective, as of August 31, 2026, he will be resigning as Interim City Superintendent. He will remain available for questions and will continue to consult on budgets.

7. New Business

A. Election Polling Location Change

Discussion was held regarding relocating the City's polling location to the Manton Library for upcoming elections.

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Siddall, to approve the relocation of the polling location to the Manton Library.

Roll Call Vote:

- Wilkins, Mayor Pro Tem: Y
- Gillett: Y
- Johnson: Y
- Rayment: Y
- Siddall: Y

Motion carried.

B. Delayed City Hall Hours Following Election Day

Discussion was held regarding opening City Hall at 10:00 a.m. on November 4, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve delayed opening hours for City Hall on November 4, 2026.

Voice Vote was held and Motion carried.

C. Memorial Tree Planting in Honor of Mike Long

Commissioners discussed planting a memorial tree in Railroad Park honoring Mike Long. Discussion led to planting a tree at Rotary Park instead.

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Rayment, to authorize the planting of a memorial tree in Rotary Park honoring Mike Long.

Voice Vote was held, Motion carried.

D. HR Committee Review

The Commission discussed reviewing employee personnel files and updating employee policies and handbooks.

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to authorize the HR Committee to have a work session to begin updating policy handbooks.

Roll Call Vote:

- Wilkins, Mayor Pro Tem: Y
- Gillett: Y
- Johnson: Y
- Rayment: Y
- Siddall: Y

Motion carried.

E. FOIA Appeal from Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE)

The Commission reviewed the submitted FOIA appeal response presented by City Attorney, Tom Grier.

Motion by Commissioner Gillett, seconded by Commissioner Siddall, to deny the FOIA appeal from F.I.R.E.

Roll Call Vote:

- Wilkins, Mayor Pro Tem: Y
- Gillett: Y
- Johnson: Y
- Rayment: N

- Siddall: Y

Motion carried.

F. Golf Cart Bids

The Commission reviewed bids received for the purchase of a golf cart.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gillett, to accept the highest bid of \$5,555.00 for the golf cart.

Roll Call Vote:

- Wilkins, Mayor Pro Tem: Y
- Gillett: Y
- Johnson: Y
- Rayment: Y
- Siddall: Y

Motion carried.

8. Public Comment: General, 3 Minute Limit

No public comment was received.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Siddall, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole R. Traxler

City Clerk, City of Manton

Approved: _____