

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Vice Mayor Bissell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Vice Mayor Bissell; Commissioners Kilmer, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher

Commissioners Absent: Holton and Joslin

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Flynn and City Attorney Romashko

Vice Mayor Bissell read and presented to PEAK Director Nate Lockwood a Proclamation in support of Lights On Afterschool! Day - October 18, 2007.

Vice Mayor Bissell read and presented to Duane Ellis, Character Counts Coalition representative, a Proclamation in support of Character Counts! Week - October 21-27, 2007.

Parks, Buildings and Grounds Director Greg Baderschneider gave a construction update on the West Broadway Revitalization Project.

Additions to Agenda

Assistant City Manager Ridley requested that the approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of September 26 be removed until prepared for the October 22 meeting.

Received the following communications and petitions:

1. Resignation from Parks and Recreation Commission member Jim Collison
2. Correspondence regarding designation of truck route and staff response
3. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (August)
4. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (July)
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant (August)
6. Water Department (September)

Moved by Commissioner Moreno and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 2007.
2. Bid of Mt. Pleasant Excavating Services, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for snow removal services at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport for the 2007 - 2008 season at the unit prices listed:

Plow truck and operator	\$50/hour
Front-end loader and operator	\$65/hour
Grader and operator	\$65/hour
Backhoe and operator	\$60/hour
3. CMU Hospitality Services Administration (HSA) 445 Banqueting Class request for one day liquor license on November 3, 2007.
4. WHEREAS, under the date of July 19, 2007, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 1-07 (Change the eastern-most row of the Town Center lot from 10-hour parking to three-hour parking.) Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on October 8, 2007, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 1-07 a permanent traffic control order.

5. Payrolls dated October 5, 2007 check numbers 063602-063820 and warrants dated, September 27, 2007 check numbers 058819-059047, all totaling \$1,079,012.40.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The "Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of 2007 Capital Improvement Bonds" was offered by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Kilmer.

AYES: Commissioners Kilmer, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher
NAYS: Commissioner Bissell
ABSENT: Commissioners Holton and Joslin
Resolution adopted. (City Commission Exhibit No. 1-07)

The "Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of 2007 Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds" was offered by Commissioner Kilmer, supported by Commissioner McGuire.

AYES: Commissioners Bissell, Kilmer, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Holton and Joslin
Resolution adopted. (City Commission Exhibit No. 2-07)

Commissioner Spycher read the following recommendations from the Appointments Committee for appointments to boards and commissions:

Term To Expire

ISABELLA COUNTY MATERIAL
RECOVERY FACILITY GOVERNING BOARD
Eric Schalm

December 31, 2008

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Appointments Committee's recommendations as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire:

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant instituted a Housing Licensing Program in 1982; and

WHEREAS, fees are reviewed from time to time to determine their appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Licensing Ordinance allows the City to adjust fees by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it appropriate to adjust the rates,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby adopts the following changes to the rate schedule effective immediately:

- Eliminate the requirement to double license fees when not paid by the deadline and replace it with a monthly late fee of \$10.00 or nine percent (9%), whichever is greater;
- Charge an additional \$25.00 to the license holder when certified mail is required to collect fees or notify owners of enforcement action.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher to confirm payment to Synagro Incorporated of Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$23,000 for cleaning the digesters at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner McGuire to confirm payment of an additional \$3,500.00 to Twin Cities Landscape of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for planting in the Central Business District. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher to receive request from Q-SAGE (Quality Seed And Grain Equipment) for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (PA 198) for property at 2150 JBS Trail and set public hearing on same for October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Moreno commended CM Life on article regarding City finances; praised efforts of a new restaurant in town for working with CMU and the entrepreneurial classes and announced Diversity Group meetings take place the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire that the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Steven Bissell, Vice Mayor

Robert J. Flynn, CMC
City Clerk