

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Flynn and City Attorney Romashko

Mayor Joslin read and presented to Ms. Pat Wilmot from the Hall of Fame Committee a Proclamation in support of Bowlers Hall of Fame Day - October 14, 2007.

Public Input on Agenda Items

1. Daniel Nowiski, CMU student government representative discussed the CMU students' views on Washington Street construction and future traffic studies.
2. Gordon Bloem, Attorney, 108 S. University Ave. discussed item #8 regarding catch basin re-imbursement for Commercial Bank Block Condominium Association.

Received the following communications and petitions:

1. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (July, August)
2. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (July, August)
3. Planning Commission Minutes (August)
4. Street Department and Motor Pool (August)

Commissioner McGuire requested that item #7a. - brush chipper bid be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Bissell to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 2007.
2. Resolution in support of grant for reconstruction of Washington Street from High to Preston:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Washington Street, from High Street to Preston Street, is proposed for reconstruction during 2008, including new curb and gutter, storm sewer, and pavement, as well as small sections of sanitary sewer replacement; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of this project is \$634,600; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a \$375,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and a \$93,750 grant from the Local Jobs Today program for this project, with the remaining \$165,850 available from the City's Sewer and Major Street funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby approves the \$468,750 grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Washington Street reconstruction project, and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract with MDOT.

3. Payrolls dated September 21, 2007 check numbers 063379-063597 and warrants dated, September 13, 2007 check numbers 058654-058818, all totaling \$881,223.52.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Commissioner McGuire questioned the City's process regarding bid information and advertising practices. Staff will review process.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to approve the purchase of a Woodsman Model 12x - 130 HP chipper from Woodsman, Inc. of Farwell, Michigan in the amount of \$21,440.00. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Moreno to reimburse Commercial Bank Block Condo Association Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars for replacement of catch basin.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher
NAYS: Commissioners Bissell, Joslin and Kilmer
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton requested to be removed from duty regarding the request from Mt. Pleasant Brewing Co., LLC for a new Micro Brewer License to be located at 711 West Pickard, Suite O. There were no objections.

Moved by Commissioner Moreno and supported by Commissioner Spycher to grant the request from Mt. Pleasant Brewing Co., LLC for a new Micro Brewer License to be located at 711 West Pickard, Suite O.

AYES: Commissioners Bissell, Joslin, Kilmer, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton (excused)
Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton returned to duty.

Vice Mayor Bissell read the following recommendations from the Appointments Committee for appointments to boards and commissions:

	<u>Term To Expire</u>
<u>AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD</u>	
Joe Rivard	January 31, 2008

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

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Bissell to set a public hearing to consider the rezoning of property on West Broadway between Nelson Park and what is commonly referred to as Parcel B from OS-1 to C-2 for October 22, 2007 at 7:00p.m. Commissioner Holton requested to abstain from vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Moreno to move ahead with the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a septage receiving facility at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve an agreement with Waste Management of Michigan for the disposal of contaminated soil from Parcel "B" in the West Broadway Revitalization Project area.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, McGuire, Moreno and Spycher
NAYS: Commissioner Bissell
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-related Issues and Concerns

1. Commissioner Moreno spoke on recent Mt. Pleasant Diversity Group meeting, 50th Anniversary of the Little Rock 9, and State budget issues.
2. Mayor Joslin congratulated Planning Commission member Tim Wolfe on his recent merit award from Michigan Municipal League; asked public to get involved in State budget crisis; and reminded Commissioners of importance of staying within the guidelines of City related issues and concerns.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

1. Ed Gray, 1800 E. Broadway asked City to address issues regarding traffic flow and heavy truck traffic on City streets due to new access from South Mission entrance ramp.
2. Ron Roby, 201 E. Bennett encouraged City to look into annexing Union Township due to their reluctance to provide police protection for their residents.

The Commission recessed at 7:51 p.m. and went back into session to begin a work session at 8:01 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Mike Gormely (Director, Raymond James & Associates) and Roger Swets (Bond Counsel, Clark Hill) provided information to the Commission regarding potential bond sales. The information included:

- Steps in the bond sale that require City Commission action
- How an initial bond sale (Borden Project) is different than a refinancing (Water Plant)
- Competitive sales vs negotiated sales and why we are recommending negotiated sales for both issues
- Overview of the Bond Resolution which we will ask for action on at the October 8 meeting

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jon Joslin, Mayor

Robert J. Flynn, CMC
City Clerk