

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Tony Kulick and Kathleen Ling for the term January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

Commissioners Present: Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

City Clerk Howard conducted the election of Mayor.

City Clerk Howard opened nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Madaj nominated Commissioner Ling for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners: Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Ling was elected Mayor for 2017.

Mayor Ling opened nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Madaj nominated Commissioner Lents for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Kulick nominated Commissioner Madaj for Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed.

The Commission voted on the nomination of Commissioner Lents for Vice Mayor.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Kulick and Verleger

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Lents was elected Vice Mayor for 2017.

Set Time and Day of Regular Meetings

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Kulick to adopt the following resolution setting time and day of regular meetings:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2017 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (except for December which will be held on the second and third Mondays of the month), at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Proclamations and Presentations

City Planner Kain gave a presentation on the upcoming 2017 Citizens' Academy.

Discussion ensued.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #18a, "Consider closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute." was added to the agenda.

Item #19, "Work Session - Consider amendments to the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations." was removed from the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items:
 - a. Information regarding downtown on-street handicap parking
2. Correspondence from City resident Dr. Dani Hiar regarding residential snow removal requirements.
3. Correspondence from City resident Doug Downhour regarding snow removal on Stockman Road and the surrounding sidewalks.
4. Correspondence from Finance Director Kornexl regarding refunding bonds.
5. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #3-2017.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held December 12, 2016.
2. Bid of Fleis and Vandenbrink of Grand Rapids, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$17,000.00 for design services for relocation of Ferrous Chloride Storage Tanks and Feed Equipment.
3. Set a special meeting for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to begin goal setting discussion.
4. Appointments of City Officials to applicable City boards and commissions for 2017:

Building Authority

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl

Center for Applied Research Technology/

Local Development Finance Authority

City Manager Nancy Ridley

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl, as alternate

9-1-1/Central Dispatch Governing Board

Fire Chief Rick Beltinck

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Pickler, as alternate

Isabella County Material Recovery

Facility Governing Board

Department of Public Works Director John Zang

MML Legislative Coordinator

City Manager Nancy Ridley

Mid-Michigan Area Cable and

Telecommunications Consortium Board

City Clerk Jeremy Howard

Public Relations Coordinator Molli Ferency, as alternate

Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Economic Development Director Bill Mrdeza

City Manager Nancy Ridley, as alternate

5. WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 1-2017 [Remove all "No Parking" signs (west side of street) and "Two Hour Parking" signs (east side of street) on Anna Street between Broadway St. and Michigan St.] Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on January 9, 2017, for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves traffic control order No. 1-2017 as a permanent traffic control order.

6. WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 2-2017 (Place “No Parking” signs on the west side of Douglas Street from High Street to Clayton Street) Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on January 9, 2017, for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves traffic control order No. 2-2017 as a permanent traffic control order.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed Ordinance amendment to Sections 152.008 and 152.999 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide fines for owners and property managers who fail to obtain housing licenses. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj that Ordinance 1020, an Ordinance to amend Sections 152.008 and 152.999 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide fines for owners and property managers who fail to obtain housing licenses having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to amend the proposed Ordinance to amend Sections 152.008 and 152.999 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide fines for owners and property managers who fail to obtain housing licenses to add “per day” for penalties.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Gillis to postpone action on proposed Ordinance amendment to Sections 152.008 and 152.999 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide fines for owners and property managers who fail to obtain housing licenses until after the Commission can have further discussion at a work session.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to receive proposed ordinance amendment to Sections 50.12 and 50.99 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant to restrict the hours of the day for collection of refuse in certain zones of the City and to provide certain penalties for violations of Chapter 50 and set a public hearing for Monday, January 23, 2017 on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to receive recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding request to rezone 205, 209-219 E. Bellows from C-1 (Local Business) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential) and 1021 S. University from P-1 (Vehicular Parking) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential) and set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2017 on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Ling appointed Commissioner Holton as City Commission representative to the Central Michigan Center for Recovery, Education and Wellness (CMCREW).

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions for 2017 as follows:

Term Expires

Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Thomas Bauman	December 31, 2017
Tim Driessnack	December 31, 2018
Tom Krapohl	December 31, 2018

Jeff Smith	December 31, 2019
Tim Coscarelly	December 31, 2020
John Hunter	December 31, 2020
Lisa Orlando	December 31, 2020
Eric Noeker	December 31, 2017

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions for 2017 as follows:

Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)

Brad Wahr	December 31, 2019
Rick McGuirk	December 31, 2017
Rachel Blizzard	December 31, 2017
Sarah Chrstensen	December 31, 2019

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions for 2017 as follows:

Principal Shopping District Board (PSD)

Brad Wahr	December 31, 2019
Rick McGuirk	December 31, 2017
Rachel Blizzard	December 31, 2017
Sarah Christensen	December 31, 2019
Tim Brockman	December 31, 2018
Paul Fox	December 31, 2017

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve Appointments to various City Boards and Commissions for 2017 as follows:

Principal Shopping District Board (PSD)
Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)

Rick Swindlehurst	December 31, 2018
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Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick announced that January 13 is the last day for Christmas tree pickup. He announced that the City received a grant from the Community Foundation for defibrillators for parks and would like a letter sent to the Foundation thanking them for their support.

Commissioner Madaj welcomed CMU students, faculty and staff back to the community.

Commissioner Gillis asked the Commission to agree to approve placing a motion/discussion on the next agenda to suspend approving Brownfields until a new policy is created. She reminded residents that board and commission applications are still available.

The Commission recessed at 8:00 and went into closed session at 8:07 p.m. Closed session ended at 9:13 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Commission recessed at 9:13 and went into a work session at 9:16 p.m.

WORK SESSION

1. Potential changes to Ordinance Section 93.03 regarding outdoor burning.

Discussion on potential changes to Ordinance Section 93.03 regarding outdoor burning was postponed to a future agenda.

2. Discussion on future work sessions
 - a. Brownfield Policy.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will work at scheduling a work session with the Brownfield Board as soon as possible.

- b. Fines for unlicensed rentals.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will put together a recommendation including setting a public hearing for the next agenda based on the discussion.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk