Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:04 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Ling called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick and Madaj

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Verleger

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

Proclamations and Presentations

American Water Works Association Section Board Chair John Willemin presented the Raymond J. Faust award to Water Supervisor Malcolm Fox.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Principal Shopping District Board Minutes (January)
3. Tax Increment Finance Authority Board Minutes (October and November).
4. Communication from Cil Lorand regarding energy policy.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj 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 February 13, 2017.
2. Bid of Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. of Chesterfield, Missouri in a not-to-exceed amount of $200,000.00, for sewer relining.
4. Bid of Wolverine Sealcoating & Asphalt of Jackson, Michigan in a not-to-exceed amount of $40,275.00 for 2017 Crack Sealing project.
5. Purchase of 210 trees from Bay Landscaping of Essexville, Michigan in the amount of $19,843.00.
6. Contract with Ferguson Waterworks of Madison Heights, Michigan for the purchase of 1 ½” to 6” water meters as follows: 1-1/2” @ $406; 2” @ $1138; 3” @ $1520; 4” @ $2494; 6” @ $4188.
9. Resolution adopting the Isabella County Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows:
   WHEREAS the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan is at risk from hazards that could damage commercial, residential, and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and bridges, divide the community both physically and emotionally, and present general public health and safety concerns; and
   WHEREAS the community has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan that outlines the community’s options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards; and
   WHEREAS representatives of the community, residents, and businesses have reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan and it meets the federal, state, and local guidelines.
   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isabella County Hazardous Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan by the City of Mt. Pleasant.
10. Resolution in support of Temporary Traffic Control Order 3-2017:
   WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 3-2017: Installation of two (2) stop signs at the new Central Drive connector street (between Mission Street and
East Campus Drive in front of the new LaBelle Campus Commons development - 1718 S. Mission). Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on February 27, 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. 3-2017 as a permanent traffic control order.

12. Set special meeting for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for a work session on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the required Consumer Energy documents to upgrade lighting at the eight crossing guard locations. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the Resolution for facility license agreements as recommended by staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission with an amendment to paragraph three to change the per game fee to $0 for 2017 on each of the agreements for Mt. Pleasant Little League and Girls Fast Pitch Softball. (CC Ex. 4-2017)

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates numerous recreational facilities within the City, including but not limited to Island Park and Pickens Field (collectively, the “Facilities”);

WHEREAS, from time to time, community groups or organizations desire to use the Facilities for operation of recreational programs including but not limited to softball, baseball, or other athletics;

WHEREAS, the City desires to permit use of the Facilities by community groups and organizations for recreational activities in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Exhibit A (the “Facilities License Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:
1. The City approves the Facilities License Agreement in the form attached.
2. The City Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to sign Facilities License Agreement(s).
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of intent regarding staffing for the firefighter staffing grant as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Lents 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 and Madaj
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis asked if there have been any exemption applications received for waste hauling pick-up times. She announced that anyone interested in starting a
neighborhood group should contact city staff for more information; and she reminded the public that many public meetings can be watched online at MacTV website after the meetings.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Kaye Bouck, 1407 Greenbrier, Mt. Pleasant Girls Youth Softball Association, thanked the Commission for setting the facility fees to $0 for 2017 for Mt. Pleasant Little League and Girls Fast Pitch Softball.

The Commission recessed at 7:51 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

1. Penalties for owners and property managers who fail to obtain rental housing licenses.

   Mayor Ling led a discussion on penalties for owners and property managers who fail to obtain rental housing licenses.

   Discussion ensued.

   Draft ordinance will be on an upcoming agenda.

2. Rental Housing Licensing rates and a tier program.

   Mayor Ling led a discussion on the rental housing licensing rates and a tier program.

   Discussion ensued.

   Recommendation on rental housing licensing rates will be on an upcoming agenda. The tier program discussion will not be pursued.

3. Future Work Sessions.

   Discussion was postponed to a future meeting.

   The Commission recessed at 9:20 p.m. and went into closed session at 9:22 p.m. The Commission went back into open session at 10:24 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

   Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 10:24 p.m. without objection.

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   Kathleen Ling, Mayor    Jeremy Howard, City Clerk