Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joslin and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Video presentation of the Historic Borden Building – Mt. Pleasant City Hall was shown.

Additions to Agenda

Item #12 “Set Special Meeting” was added to the agenda.

Item #13 “Centennial Hall – Transfer of Liquor License” was added to the agenda.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Correspondence regarding Proposed 2009 Operating Budget
2. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (October)
3. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (October)
4. Minutes of the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission (September)
5. Resignation of Bob Heydenburg from the Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (September)
7. Water Activity Report (October)

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed meeting held October 27, 2008.
2. Approved the contract with Mt. Pleasant Excavating Services, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the 2008-2009 winter season at the unit prices as follows:
   - Truck and operator ............................................ $60/hr
   - Loader and operator ....................................... $75/hr
   - Grader and operator ........................................ $75/hr
   - Backhoe and operator ...................................... $70/hr
3. Payrolls dated 10/30/08 check Nos. 3261-3350 and DD2607-DD2727 and warrants dated 10/31/08 and 11/05/08 check numbers 4026-4177, all totaling $812,814.07.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Proposed 2009 Operating Budget. There being no public comment or correspondence the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Spycher to set a special meeting for Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., to be held at Mountain Town Station, 506 West Broadway, for the purpose of discussing progress and community trends with City staff.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer & Spycher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Holton
Motion carried.
Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to transfer ownership of Class C Liquor License from Doug Gray to Jean Prout and Dave Prout/ Centennial Hall, 306 W. Michigan, Mt. Pleasant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Vice Mayor Holton expressed his condolences for the death of Lynn Markham.

Commissioner Palmer thanked the Clerk’s office for the well-run election and City staff for their efforts in moving City Hall.

Mayor Joslin announced Ladies Night Out on November 15 and Dickens Christmas Festival December 5th and 6th. He also congratulated Jim Holton and Sharon Tillman on their election as City Commissioners, and thanked City staff for their efforts in moving City Hall.

Commissioner Kilmer announced “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” will be playing at the Broadway during the Dickens Christmas Festival.

Administrative and Financial Services Director/Assistant City Manager Nancy Ridley announced that the November 4, 2008 election went well and congratulated City staff on a job well done.

The Commission entered a work session at 7:27p.m.

Proposed 2009 Operating Budget

City Manager Grinzinger and Administrative and Financial Services Director/Assistant City Manager Ridley gave presentation on the Proposed 2009 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.