Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:02 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

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Correspondence from Mrs. Jeanne Pfeiffer regarding brush collection in the South West Association of Neighbors.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 10, 2008.
2. Bid of Helm Electric of Saginaw, MI for the rehabilitation of the CME Lift Station at 2941 Three Leaves Drive in the amount of $43,600.
3. Payrolls dated 11/14/08; 11/19/08 and 11/20/08 check Nos. 3433-3525 and DD2728-DD2855 and warrants dated 11/12/08 and 11/20/08 check numbers 4178-4408, all totaling $813,529.77.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve the application for taxicab business license for Affordable Taxi Service.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to extend the existing fire contract with Charter Township of Union through the end of the first quarter of the 2009 fiscal year at the rate of growth applied to the existing contract.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Joslin appointed City Manager Grinzinger, Directors Ridley and Yeagley and himself to sit on a committee to negotiate the fire contract with Charter Township of Union.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to adopt the following Resolution Adopting the Isabella County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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 disasters; 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.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling asked if meetings are being broadcast. She also commented on how great the Christmas lights look in downtown.

Mayor Joslin reminded residents that the Dickens Christmas Festival is scheduled for December 5th and 6th and that the City Hall open house is scheduled for December 5th.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jennifer Semes, 212 W. Broomfield St. gave a presentation and provided a handout from “Young Teens Network”.

Paul Bigard, 600 E. Broadway St. representing the Housing Commission stated that the Housing Commission is looking forward to working with the Commission to understand their expectations of the Housing Commission.

WORK SESSION – Proposed 2009 Operating Budget

Administrative and Financial Services Director/Assistant City Manager Ridley gave presentation on Proposed 2009 Operating Budget and follow-up questions from last meeting.

City Manager Grinzinger provided information on regionalized solutions in the budget and Recreation and Sports Director Chris Bundy provided information on types and prices of spray parks.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jon Joslin, Mayor                Jeremy Howard, City Clerk