Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 22, 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: Assistant City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Joslin proclaimed October 12, 2008 as “Bowlers Hall of Fame Day” and presented the proclamation to Pat Wilmot of the Hall of Fame Committee.

Additions to Agenda

Item 15 “Consider closed session pursuant to 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act” was removed from the agenda.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Receive resignation from Planning Commission member
2. Capital projects Status Report (September)
3. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (August)
4. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (August)
5. Wastewater Activity Report

Item 10 - “Consider approval of an ordinance to amend Chapter 93, Fire Prevention, of the Code of Ordinances” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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 held September 8, 2008.
2. Receive proposed text change to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Special Meetings of the Planning Commission and set Public Hearing for October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
3. WHEREAS, under the date of July 1, 2008, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 2-08 (“No Parking” signs at 1120 and 1122 West Campus Drive at the emergency access off Glen.) Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on September 22, 2008, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,
   BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 2-08 a permanent traffic control order.
4. WHEREAS, under the date of July 10, 2008, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 3-08 (Install “Speed Limit 15 MPH” signs at Lincoln and the north and south Island Park intersection.) Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on September 22, 2008, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,
   BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 3-08 a permanent traffic control order.
5. WHEREAS, under the date of July 10, 2008, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 4-08 (Install “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on South Highland at Preston Street.) Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on September 22, 2008, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 4-08 a permanent traffic control order.

6. Approve the Central Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Public Safety Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

7. Set special meeting for October 15, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at Cheers Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 1700 W. High St., Mt. Pleasant.

8. Payrolls dated 9/19/08 check Nos. 2913-3004 and DD2236-DD2349 and warrants dated 09/11/08 and 09/17/08, check numbers 3312-3520, all totaling $1,602,732.50.

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commissioners voiced their top five priorities of two percent requests to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Commission agreed to submit all requests with a letter outlining the top five ranked projects as well as a reminder that Bayonet was previously funded through the County.

Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve proposed text changes to Chapter 93, Fire Prevention of the Code of Ordinances. Ordinance No. 943 having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner McGuire to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, regarding the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Assistant City Manager Ridley indicated that the Borden Building move date is still pending.

Mayor Joslin announced upcoming Mardi Gras, September 26, 2008.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Amanda Walton and Bradley Sims owners of Mr. Rooter Plumbing, 608 W. Pickard presented the Commissioners and City staff with a hand out and letter requesting payment for work. The Mayor promised a response within ten days.

The City Commission went into a closed session at 7:36 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 7:55 p.m.
Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to approve the April 1, 2008 to April 1, 2012 union contract with the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Employees Association represented by TPOAM and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract and the required MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jon Joslin, Mayor             Jeremy Howard, City Clerk