

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin (excused)

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

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (September).
2. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (August).
3. Water Activity Report (October).
4. Congratulations from National League of Cities in response to Michigan Municipal League's Community Excellence regional award.

Removed items 6 "Approval of the minutes of the special meeting held November 2, 2009" and 10 "Consider resolution for support of HR 3745" from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the work session and regular meeting held October 26, 2009.
2. Minutes of work session held November 2, 2009.
3. Bid for the 2009/2010 Downtown Snow Hauling Project was awarded to R&T Murphy Trucking of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$74.00/hr. for the trucking and Mt. Pleasant Excavating of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$75.00/hr. for the loader.
4. Contract with Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for Pickard Street Storm Sewer Repair in the amount of \$10,725 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.
5. Payrolls dated 10/30/09 and warrants dated 10/29/09 and 11/05/09 all totaling \$756,054.66.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to postpone approval of minutes of the special meeting held November 2, 2009 indefinitely. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Proposed 2010 Operating Budget. There being no public comment or correspondence the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to adopt the following resolution for support of HR 3745.

WHEREAS, public, educational and government (PEG) channels play a significant role in Mt. Pleasant;

WHEREAS, PEG channels are a unique and valuable resource for local information and discourse for the residents of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels televise local government meetings, including city council, planning commission, county board and school board meetings, so that citizens are informed about the actions taken by local elected officials; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels contribute to the democratic process by providing opportunities for candidates and others, such as the League of Women Voters, to discuss local issues during election campaigns; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels provide a window through which residents can view the diversity of cultures, recreational activities and artistic endeavors in their local community; and

WHEREAS, PEG channels reflect the unique identity of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve PEG channels and funding for PEG channels, and to ensure that the channels continue to be available to the entire community to serve the residents of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, HR 3745, the Community Access Preservation Act, addresses critical and immediate threats to PEG;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Mt. Pleasant City Commission supports immediate passage of HR 3745; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mt. Pleasant City Commission calls on our Congressional delegation to take all possible actions in support of the passage of HR 3745, including but not limited to endorsing, co-sponsoring and voting for HR 3745, and to work for its rapid passage.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioner Palmer

ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to set a special meeting and work session on Proposed 2010 Operating Budget for December 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to reschedule the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting set for December 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling would like to commend the paper on articles regarding a potential children's museum in Mt. Pleasant and clarify that there is not 10,000 sq. feet in the Borden Building available and the remaining space is owned by J.E. Johnson. Commissioner Ling also announced that the Commission will be making appointments to boards and commissions soon and she would like to encourage the public to consider applying for positions.

Mayor Holton commented that he thinks the 4-way stop signs are great downtown and so does the Downtown Development Board. He also offered his congratulations to the three commissioners who won re-election and thanked all candidates for running for the available seats.

The Commission recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

#### Work Session - Proposed 2010 Budget - Enterprise Funds

Finance Director Ridley gave a presentation on Proposed 2010 Budget - Enterprise Funds. Question and answer session ensued between the Commission and Director Ridley and Supervisors Fox and Hein. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk