Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 25, 2010, 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 English, Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (August)
2. Communication from Ms. Judy Welsh
3. Third Quarter Investment Report

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held October 11, 2010.
2. Bid of R&T Murphy Trucking, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of $73.00 per hour with a cap of $26,000 (356 hr maximum) for leaf hauling.
3. Bid of Signature Ford of Owosso, Michigan in the amount of $19,894 for replacement of a Public Safety administrative vehicle. A portion of the cost of the vehicle will be paid by insurance proceeds, the remainder will be allocated from the surplus savings account.
4. Payrolls dated 10/08/10 and 10/21/10 and warrants dated 10/13/10 and 10/21/10 all totaling $835,414.44.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the request for Tax Abatement Under Public Act 198 from Q-SAGE, Inc. Thomas Throop, President of Q-SAGE, Inc. spoke in support of the tax abatement. There being no other comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to adopt the following Resolution Approving Application of Q-SAGE, Inc. For Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For A New Facility.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on June 8, 1992, the City Commission by resolution established an Industrial Development District known as Industrial Park South; and

WHEREAS, Q-SAGE INC has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility improvement to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Park South in the amount of $195,584 of which $105,500 is personal property and $90,084 is real property; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Commission held a hearing on October 25, 2010, at Mt Pleasant City Hall, in the City Commission Chambers, at 7:00 pm, at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before September 27, 2010, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and
WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Mount Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from Ad Valorem taxes within the City of Mount Pleasant, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant that:

1. The City Commission finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Mount Pleasant or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies Ad Valorem property taxes in the City of Mount Pleasant

2. The application from Q-SAGE INC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to a New Facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Industrial Park South Industrial Development District, to wit:

Parcel No: 17-000-10218-00

MT PLEASANT INDUSTRIAL PARK SOUTH, PART OF LOT 6 COMMENCING AT THE W 1/4 COR SEC 24, T14N, R4W, TH S 88D46M40S E ALONG THE E AND W 1/4 LINE OF SEC 24, 795.19 FT, TH S00D34M13S E PARALLEL WITH W LINE SEC 24, 342.81 FT, TH N 88D46M40S W PARALLEL WITH E & W 1/4 LINE, 90.23 FT, TH S 00D34M13S E PARALLEL WITH SAID W SEC LINE, 33.02 FT TO THE POB, TH CONT S 00D34M13S E PARALLEL WITH SAID W SEC LINE 257.16 FT TO A PT ON S LINE LOT 6, TH N 88D51M25S W ALONG S LOT LINE, 167.86 FT, TH N 00D34M13S W PARALLEL WITH SAID W SEC LINE, 257.39 FT, TH S 88D46M40S E PARALLEL WITH SAID E & W 1/4 LINE 167.87 FT TO THE POB. CONTAINING 0.99 ACRES MORE OR LESS,(SPLIT FROM PARCEL 10206 FOR 2006 ROLL.)

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 12 years for the Real Property component and 6 years for the Personal Property component

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

A public hearing was held on an ordinance to allow refinancing of Crisis Center Bonds. There being no public comment or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Ling that Ordinance No. 957, an Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Mt. Pleasant Housing Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 (Crisis Center, Inc. Project), and Authorizing the Execution of Amendments to a Loan Agreement, Indenture and Assignment and other Documents in Connection with the Amendment of the Bonds, having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.
Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner English that Ordinance No. 958, an Ordinance to Approve the Second Amendment to the Mission Street-Pickard Avenue District Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan Proposed by the Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Authority and to Provide for the Collection of Tax Increment Revenues having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Ling to amend the Purchasing Policy of the City of Mt. Pleasant to allow for purchasing cards. (Purchasing Policy CC Exhibit 2-2010) Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to receive and set public hearing for November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers ordinances to amend Title XIII, Chapter 111: “Video Service Provider Right-of-Way Management” and Chapter 114: “Use of the Public Rights-of-Way” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to receive and set public hearing for November 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the amendment to Section 97.18 “Recreational Activities” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant as modified from the original proposed wording. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to receive recommendation from Planning Commission on a conditional rezoning request from AMES, LLC to conditionally rezone 313, 317 and 401 East Gaylord and set a public hearing on same for Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to set a public hearing on the 2011 Operating Budget and Millage for Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
Nays: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner English reminded everyone to vote November 2.

Mayor Holton asked Director of Public Works Duane Ellis to remind citizens of the leaf pickup schedule which is different this year.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Brandon McQueen, 4511 S. Crawford, updated the Commission on his business “Compassionate Apothecary”.

Matt Taylor, 4511 S. Crawford, updated the Commission on his business “Compassionate Apothecary”.

The City Commission recessed at 7:43 p.m. and entered into closed session at 7:49 p.m. The Commission went back into regular session at 9:05 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.
Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:06 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor                          Jeremy Howard, City Clerk