

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, City Commission Chambers.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Kilmer and Vice Mayor Ling; Commissioners English, Joslin, Robinette and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Holton (excused)

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

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner English 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, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Robinette and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton

Motion carried.

The City Commission entered into closed session at 6:33 p.m. and went back into regular session at 6:59 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. without objection.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 23, 2011, at 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Kilmer and Vice Mayor Ling; Commissioners English, Joslin, Robinette and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Holton (excused)

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Deputy Clerk Sue Jones gave a presentation on the City's new on-line cemetery search for Riverside Cemetery burial records which can be viewed at www.mt-pleasant.org/depts/cemetery/records.htm.

Mayor Kilmer read and presented a proclamation in support of "Special Olympics Week", May 29 - June 4 to Special Olympics Michigan representative Heidi Alexander.

Additions to Agenda

"Receipt of 2010 Annual Report" was added to the agenda.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Plan
2. Receipt of 2010 Annual Report

Removed item #6b "Fancher Street with change order authorization, Wisconsin Street, and Chippewa Street" from the consent calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 9, 2011.
2. Bid of McGuirk Sand and Gravel of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$63,746.50 to complete the Brownfield Soil Remediation Path Extension project (a.k.a. Mill Race Project).
3. Sidewalk License for Basketree, Curtiss Hardware, Jojo's Junk Shop, Max and Emily's and Flour Uprising.
4. Payrolls dated 5/13/11 and warrants dated 5/12/11 and 5/19/11 all totaling \$585,685.71.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Plan. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action taken at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to award the bid for the 2011 Street Reconstruction Project for Fancher Street from High Street to Michigan Street with changes to the lines and crosswalk markings, Wisconsin Street from Lansing Street to Fancher Street, and Chippewa Street from Brown Street to Russell Street to Malley Construction, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$988,130.20. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Robinette to receive the Planning Commission's recommendation to set a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 154.167 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to provide for the adjudication of certain appeals by the Tribal Court for Monday, June 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to accept the following recommendation of the Appointments Committee.

Planning Commission

Term Expires

Allison Quast

January 31, 2012

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner English to adopt the following Resolution Endorsing Extension of Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credit Related to "Parcel B".

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Borden Creamery Building and the adjacent site commonly referred to as "Parcel B" are inter-related because the two sites were commonly owned and because the City was relying on tax revenues to be generated by the development of Parcel B to pay a portion of the debt service related to the relocation of City Hall to the Borden Creamery Building; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, with the City's recommendation, approved a Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credit (the "Tax Credit") to provide an incentive for development of Parcel B; and

WHEREAS, while the development of Parcel B has not occurred as initially anticipated, the Tax Credit will be important to making its ultimate development financially attractive, especially as the City Commission still desires that the development of Parcel B comply with the City's objectives for it; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Credit does not adversely affect any City revenues but by making development of Parcel B more attractive, could add to the City's tax base; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the State's tax structure, budget, and priorities, Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credits are being eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Parcel B has requested the City to endorse an extension of the Tax Credit to preserve it for use in developing Parcel B; and

WHEREAS, though disappointed in the lack of development of Parcel B as anticipated, the City Commission believes it to be in the best interests of the City to extend the Tax Credit so it can continue to be available as an incentive to develop Parcel B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, endorses the extension of the Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Credit for "Parcel B" located on West Broadway adjacent to the Borden Creamery Building that now houses City Hall to provide incentives for development of a multiple story condominium development with approximately 20 to 24 units including secure parking on the lower level or such other development as may first be approved by a resolution adopted by the City Commission.

2. The City Clerk is directed to forward an official copy of this resolution to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

AYES: Commissioners English, Kilmer, Ling, Robinette and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioner Holton

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann thanked staff for help with hosting the Isabella County Council of Governments meeting at City Hall.

Commissioner Ling acknowledged that Administrative Assistant Crystal King is leaving the City Manager's office and thanked her for her time and effort while she was with the City and wished her well in the future.

The Commission recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

WORK SESSION

A work session was held for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Plan.

City Manager Grinzinger and Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Nancy Ridley gave a presentation on the proposed 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m. without objection.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk