Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 28, 2011, at 7:00 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, Holton, Joslin, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Ryan Londrigan with AKT Peerless spoke about the scope of work involved in the Phase I and II environmental studies currently being conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Center property.

Discussion ensued.

City Assessor David Rowley gave a presentation on Understanding Proposal A and the current Real Estate Market.

Discussion ensued.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Public Works Annual Report
2. E-mailed correspondence from Scott Roberson and response from City Manager.
3. Letter to Parks and Recreation Commission and response from Christine Roberts.

Moved by Commissioner Holton 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 February 14, 2011.
2. Minutes of the special meeting and closed session of the City Commission held February 21, 2011.
3. Bid of Garber Chevrolet of Midland, Michigan for the purchase of a 2011 Impala LT to be used as an unmarked police vehicle in the amount of $19,235.
4. Contract with Brenda Beach of Stanwood, Michigan in an amount not to exceed $21,000 for 2011 residential assessing field work and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract.
5. Confirm License Agreement with State of Michigan for temporary responsibility of utility lines at the Mt. Pleasant Center until March 31, 2011 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute similar License Agreements for an additional six months contingent upon the continued ownership of the property by the State of Michigan and the needs of the Mt. Pleasant School District.
6. Payrolls dated 2/18/11 and warrants dated 2/16/11 and 2/24/11 all totaling $774,999.00.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Holton to receive a request to create an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District at 706 W. Pickard and set a public hearing on same for Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve a three year Employment Contract with City Manager Kathie Grinzinger as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Contract. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner English to set a special meeting for Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. to meet in workshop retreat with Governance Model consultant. Meeting location to be determined. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to set a special meeting for Monday, March 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for a joint session between the City Commission and the Planning Commission to review 2010-2011 goals. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann announced the Isabella County Council of Governments is meeting on March 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chippewa Township Hall. She also thanked the City Manager for her long hours, hard work and leadership through a tough year.

Commissioner McGuire further clarified that the State, in regards to the Mt. Pleasant Center property, recognizes that development for public use can mean private development. He announced his resignation from the City Commission effective March 15, 2011 and asked the Commission to consider his voting record and appoint a similar minded candidate to replace him. He also thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve as well as Commissioners and staff. He regrets Parcel B is still not taken care of and urges the Commission to follow through on finding a solution.

Mayor Kilmer thanked Commissioner McGuire for his years of service and stated that he would like Commissioner Joslin to take Commissioner McGuire’s place on the Property Committee.
Commissioner Tilmann stated that she has enjoyed working with Commissioner McGuire and will miss working with him.

Commissioner Joslin stated that Commissioner McGuire will be missed and that it has been an honor to serve with him.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

David Rowley, 1008 S. Arnold St., announced that Union Township will be holding a special open house in celebration of their Sesquicentennial, Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tenth Michigan Civil War Reenactors and Living Historians will be on hand. There will also be a Civil War encampment over the 4th of July weekend held at McDonald Park to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the founding of the township.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:50 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk