Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 13, 2012 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 Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Rautanen and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Ling and Commissioner English

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Presentation from Parks and Public Spaces Director Chris Bundy and Community Information Director Heather Smith on new Parks Interactive Mapping.

Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. 2012 Mid-Year Report
2. Resignation of Dorothy Fetting (term to expire 1/31/15) from the Zoning Board of Appeals
3. North Central Campus Neighborhood Report provided by the Historic District Commission
4. Principal Shopping District Board Minutes (June)
5. Historic District Commission Minutes (June)
6. Historic District Commission Minutes (July)
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (June)
8. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (May)

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 23, 2012.
2. Bid of Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of $24,897 for the purchase of a police version 2013 Ford Taurus.
3. Bid of Crawford Contracting of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of $129,298.03 to complete rehabilitation of the Mill Pond Park Trail and repair of the dam.
4. Request from Central Michigan University for a conditional approval Fireworks Display permit for events to be held on August 30, 2012 and October 12, 2012 provided they supply the documentation necessary for approval to the fire department in a timely manner.
5. Extension of the Street Mill and Overlay Contract with Central Asphalt, Inc. for up to $50,000 to provide overlays for additional streets with the funds from the 2% tribal allocation.
6. Payrolls dated 8/3/12 and warrants dated 8/2/12; 8/3/12 and 8/9/12 all totaling $1,638,820.70.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed vacation of the alley located from Lincoln to Chippewa and between Lansing and Franklin streets in Block 9 of the Original Plat of the City of Mt Pleasant. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following resolution in support of vacating the alley located from Lincoln to Chippewa and between Lansing and Franklin streets in Block 9 of the Original Plat of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

WHEREAS, this is the time set in a resolution passed by the City Commission on July 9, 2012, for hearing objections to the proposed vacation of the alley located from Lincoln to
WHEREAS, due consideration has been given to the vacation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby confirms the vacation of the alley as hereinbefore described.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed ordinance to regulate the ignition, discharge, use, sale of consumer fireworks, articles pyrotechnic and display fireworks in the city, and to repeal sections 93.14 and 93.16 of the City Code. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen that Ordinance 975, an Ordinance to regulate the ignition, discharge, use, sale of consumer fireworks, articles pyrotechnic and display fireworks in the city, and to repeal sections 93.14 and 93.16 of the City Code having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kilmer, Rautanen and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin
ABSENT: Commissioners English and Ling

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the amended land contract between the City of Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools for sites located in Eastpointe IV subdivision for a one year extension and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve receipt of the Downtown Infrastructure Grant for Parking Lot #2 (Jockey Alley) and authorize the City Manager and staff to complete all necessary grant agreements. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve a contract with Crawford Contracting of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the rehabilitation of the corporate apron at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport. The City’s portion of the cost will be $16,257.50 and will come from the Airport Fund. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the initial Memorandum of Understanding with Central Michigan University to provide flexibility under the current water ordinances. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Joslin to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with counsel regarding pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Rautanen and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioners English and Ling
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns
Commissioner Tilmann announced the Isabella County Council of Governments will be having their annual picnic on Wednesday, August 15, 2012. Commissioner Tilmann thanked the Airport Advisory Board and volunteers for putting on a very successful event at the airport last weekend and thanked voters who turned out to vote in the recent election.

City Manager Grinzinger congratulated Interim Public Safety Director Thomas Forsberg who is retiring after 36 years of police service.

Commissioner Joslin announced that ArtWalk Central voting is continuing until the 22nd of August.

The Commission recessed at 7:49 p.m. and entered into closed session at 7:55 p.m. and went back into regular session at 8:03 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:04 p.m.

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Bruce Kilmer, Mayor                      Jeremy Howard, City Clerk