Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:05 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 Holton, Joslin, Robinette (left at 8:09) and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner English

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Brian Anderson, Middle Michigan Development Corporation President, presented the Corporation’s Annual Report and gave an overview of some of the things they are currently working on.

Additions to Agenda

Item #13 “Adjust start time of special meeting set for Wednesday, January 25th from 4:30 to 4:00 p.m.” was added to the agenda.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Peter Reale, 233 N. Main St. questioned what the Principal Shopping District was and if it had anything to do with the court system or the resignation of Norm Curtiss.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Investment Activity Report (4th Quarter)
2. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Award (Main Street Pathway Project)
3. Resignation of Norm Curtiss (term to expire 01/31/14) from Principal Shopping District Board

Item #7 “Consider appointments to various boards and commissions.” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 3, 2012.
2. Accept standard lighting contract with Consumers Energy for the streetlights located within the City limits. This contract will remain in effect until the inventory changes.
3. Payrolls dated 1/6/12; 1/13/12 and 1/20/12 and warrants dated 1/5/12; 1/13/12 and 1/19/12 all totaling $1,265,750.08.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the CDBG grant close-out (for Midori). There being no public comment or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action is required by the Commission.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following appointments to various boards and commissions.

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Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Joslin to endorse the “Project Scope: Master Plan Update; City of Mt. Pleasant; January 16, 2012”.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Robinette and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: Commissioner English
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to extend the contract for prosecutorial services with Martineau, Hacket, Romashko and O’Neil, PLLC., for one year, at an annual rate of $76,632 beginning March 1, 2012. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve a 2012 annual retainer for Clark Hill, PLC for general counsel services in the amount of $90,000 per year and a per hour rate of $185 for any matter that exceeds 15 hours of work. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to adjust the start time of the special meeting set for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 4:30 to 4:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin questioned if the City has any recourse on the money being transferred from the City to the State in the Revolving Loan Fund. Commissioner Joslin suggested looking into a Charter amendment to remove term limits on some boards like Historic District Commission and Principal Shopping District.
Commissioner Tilmann asked that the Commission look into the current snow removal plan to address snow removal issues on side streets.

Vice Mayor Ling announced the Isabella County Roundtable will be hosting a diversity roundtable on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Centennial Hall, 304 W. Michigan St, Mt. Pleasant.

Commissioner Robinette announced his resignation from the City Commission, due to a change in residency, effective immediately.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Peter Reale, 233 N. Main St asked why the public can’t vote for Mayor and Vice Mayor, and asked if it was possible to put the names of Commissioners on the agenda?

The Commission recessed at 7:58 and went into a work session at 8:09.

WORK SESSION – Youth Services Unit funding

Assistant City Manager/Admin and Financial Services Director Nancy Ridley and Police Captain Tom Forsberg gave a presentation on “Youth Services Unit funding”.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m. without objection.

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Bruce Kilmer, Mayor  Jeremy Howard, City Clerk