Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 9, 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 Vice Mayor Ling; Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Rautanen and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Communication from Steve Berkshire regarding the proposed new ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 “Human Rights”
2. Communication from Mark Cwiek regarding the proposed new ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 “Human Rights”
3. Communication from Planning Commission regarding the redevelopment of housing in the M-2 Zoning District
4. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals work session (May)
5. Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals regular meeting (May)
6. Capital Projects Status Report (July)

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 June 25, 2012.
4. Payrolls dated 7/6/12 and warrants dated 7/5/12 all totaling $825,161.50.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed new ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 Human Rights.

Norma Bailey, 222 E. Andre; and Marie Reimers, 1240 E. Broomfield, Apt. GG1 spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

There being no other public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Rautanen that Ordinance 973, an Ordinance to amend the Mt. Pleasant City Code by adding Title XVII, Chapter 170 titled “Human Rights,” to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations and to provide penalties for violations having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the following Resolution in support of beginning proceedings to vacate an alley from Lincoln to Chippewa and between Lansing and Franklin Streets; set a public hearing on same for Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.; and also, refer the matter to the Planning Commission for its comments.

WHEREAS, there is an alley located between Lincoln on the North, Chippewa on the South, Lansing on the East, and Franklin on the West,

WHEREAS, no documentation of the vacation of this alley can be found in city assessing records, city clerk records, or recorded documents in the county register of deeds office,
WHEREAS, buildings have been located on said alley since at least 1955 according to city assessing records,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLOVED that said alley, as hereinbefore described is proposed to be vacated,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the proposed vacation as hereinbefore described above be held in the City Commission Chamber, City Hall, 320 West Broadway, in the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on the 13th day of August, 2012, at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of such hearing, including a copy of this resolution, shall be published at least once each week for four weeks before the appointed time for such meeting in the Morning Sun, a newspaper published and circulated in said City.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve a contract with AECOM Technical Services for assistance with master plan effort on transportation planning in an amount not to exceed $15,000. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Rautanen apologized for his absence at the last commission meeting and thanked Commissioner Tilmann for coming in during her vacation to achieve a quorum.

Vice Mayor Ling thanked staff for providing the best practices study on airport operations and would like staff to ask the Airport Advisory Board for reactions to the study and relay those back to the City Commission. She also asked staff to include minutes from the Airport Advisory Board in future commission packets.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:29 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk