

Minutes of the joint meeting of the City Commission and Planning Commission held Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:44 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

City Commissioners Present: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling and Tilmann

City Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rautanen

Planning Commissioners Present: Commissioners Brockman, Orlik, Quast, Shallady and Smith

Planning Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Holtgrieve, Kostrzewa and Lux

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard, City Planner Gray and City Attorney Smith

City Commission and Planning Commission reviewed the Planning Commission's 2011-2012 goals. Discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 12, 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 and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rautanen

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Planning Commission Chairman Peter Orlik presented the 2011 Community Improvement Awards to:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
Residential	103 W. Maple	Michael & Susan Marker
Multiple Residential	1007 S. Main	Olivieri Homes
Commercial	309 N. Main	Jean Prout - Ginkgo Tree Inn

Mayor Kilmer presented a proclamation in support of "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week - March 12-18, 2012" to Cathy Zuker.

Mayor Kilmer presented a proclamation in support of "Peacemaking Day - March 26, 2012" to Kevin Wiltshire, Assistant Principal of West Intermediate, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

Interim Public Safety Director Forsberg swore in Justin Nau, the City's newest Police Officer.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (January)
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (February)

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 27, 2012.
2. WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 4 "Municipal Utilities", of the Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant, requires that all unpaid utility services be reported by the City Manager to the City Commission, and
WHEREAS, the City Commission shall order publication of a notice of unpaid utility charges,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission orders that public notice be given that all unpaid utility charges not paid by April 15, 2012, will be assessed upon city tax rolls against the property to which the utility services have been supplied or furnished.
3. Payrolls dated 3/2/12 and warrants dated 2/29/12 and 3/8/12 all totaling \$816,134.02.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request for naming Chipp-A-Waters Park Bridge after Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell. Al Kaufman, 2901 Billbraile and Janet Strickler, 1001 Watson, spoke in support of the request. There being no additional comments or communications, Mayor Kilmer closed the public hearing.

following resolution in support of naming the Access to Recreation Bridge at Chipp-A-Waters Park the **Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell Bridge**.

WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell served as the Chairperson of the Access to Recreation Advisory Committee, and her vision and leadership helped foster a partnership between the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to provide universal access to area parks; and

WHEREAS, Her guidance, insight and passion were an inspiration to the Access to Recreation Advisory Committee members which she engaged in helping to promote universal access through community education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brandell has been a lifelong community leader who was instrumental in helping to raise the required matching dollars to create the Access to Recreation endowment fund totaling nearly \$270,000; and

WHEREAS, The endowment fund will provide continuing support for The Access Adventure Trail and other recreation projects in Isabella County which engage individuals with disabilities in recreation experiences through accessible design features; and

WHEREAS, Her personal desire to see the Chipp-A-Waters Park Access Adventure Trail Project to completion was a fitting final testament to her lifelong devotion to the Mt. Pleasant and Central Michigan University communities; and

WHEREAS, It is clearly recognized that Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell's commitment and contributions have been a substantial quality of life addition to the Mt. Pleasant community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, recognize in memory and tribute Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell and her contributions to the Access to Recreation Project and to the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

FURTHER, Officially name the Access to Recreation Bridge at Chipp-A-Waters Park the **Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell Bridge**.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Kilmer read and presented the Proclamation naming the Access to Recreation Bridge at Chipp-A-Waters Park the **Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell Bridge** to the family and friends of Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to make the following appointment for Planning Commission vacancy as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Planning Commission

Lesley Hoenig

Motion unanimously adopted.

Term To Expire

January 31, 2013

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss strategy connected with negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve a budget amendment to allocate funds from the fund balance of the Major Street Fund to remove the mini-circle and purchase a traffic table on Bellows Street. The total costs of both applications is expected not to exceed \$10,000.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner English to approve a budget amendment to allocate funds from the fund balance of the Major Street Fund to remove the mini-circle on Bellows Street in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

Received requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann announced that the Isabella County Council of Governments will be meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Holton commented that if the mini circle is removed, speeds will increase on Bellows Street.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Chris Mundie, 300 E. Ojibway Court, 306 Fabiano; Allison Hendricks, 607 S. Main and Kina Gladney, 4171 E. Bluegrass, Apt. J5 would like to have more recycle bins on City streets.

The Commission recessed at 8:11 p.m. and went into work session at 8:22 p.m.

WORK SESSION: Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

Attorney Scott Smith gave an overview of what has been done so far and lead a discussion on potential issues and possible ways to proceed.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 9:44; entered into closed session at 9:48 p.m. and went back into regular session at 9:51 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the labor agreement with the Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) with an expiration date of April 1, 2013 as presented; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said agreement.

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

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:53 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk