Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 26, 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 and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Dr. Al Ellard, Leisure Planning and Solution, LLC, gave a presentation on the Recreation Needs Assessment and Interest Survey. Discussion ensued.

Woody Woodruff, Union Township Zoning Administrator, gave a presentation on the community-wide non-motorized transportation plan. Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Hadden presented information about and spoke in support of the Fourth Annual Le Tour de Mont Pleasant.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. 2011 Le Tour Race Summary received from the Chamber of Commerce

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the joint meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission and the City Commission held March 12, 2012.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 12, 2012.
3. Bid of Layne-Christensen Co. of Lansing, Michigan in an amount not to exceed $18,000 for rehabilitation of High Service Pump #4.
4. Bid of Peerless-Midwest, Inc. of Ionia, Michigan in an amount not to exceed $65,789 for rehabilitation of Well #16.
5. Resolution to Authorize MDOT Contract 2012-0370 for the Mt. Pleasant Airport as follows:
   WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (Federal Project Number E-26-0069-1409, MDOT Contract No. 2012-0370) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract for reimbursement of funds to the City for the purchase of 40 acres of land for use by the airport, and
   WHEREAS, this purchase will allow for future construction of a crosswind runway; and
   WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Attorney as to substance.
   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.
6. Purchase of an additional 14 LED retrofit light kits for the downtown lights at a cost of $9,100.
7. Payrolls dated 3/16/12 and warrants dated 3/8/12; 3/14/12 and 3/22/12 all totaling $723,779.00.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to adopt the following Resolution in Support of the Fourth Annual Le Tour de Mont Pleasant.
WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant is dedicated to providing quality community services to the area and residents it serves; and
WHEREAS, Community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that mission; and
WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its fourth annual community and county-wide event, "Le Tour de Mont Pleasant", which is a series of community and pro-racing bicycling events on June 8 -10, 2012, and wishes to partner with the City of Mt. Pleasant; and
WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant wishes to partner with the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a positive economic impact in the city, county and surrounding area; and
WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant will be named as an additional insured and shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Commission, its officers, and employees from all claims, suits and judgments,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mt. Pleasant City Commission and the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce are formally expressing their desire to work together and partner to host the Fourth Annual “Le Tour de Mont Pleasant” bicycling event to be held on June 8 -10, 2012.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a City employee as requested by that employee.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt, Inc. of Lansing, Michigan for airport design apron rehabilitation for a cost of $25,514.99 of which $637.87 will be the City's obligation. Motion unanimously adopted.

Received Commissioners’ recommendations and rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann stated that her rankings were not 1 to 5 but all are equally important. She thanked all the people who have volunteered at the airport recently for clean-up and improvement projects.

Commissioner Joslin would like the Commission to consider placing some cameras downtown to help with vandalism, crime and graffiti.

Vice Mayor Ling stated that she appreciated the clean-up throughout the City done by CMU students, City staff and the public after the St. Patrick’s Day festivities.

Commissioner English thanked Public Safety for their efforts on St. Patrick’s Day.

The Commission recessed at 8:12 and entered into closed session at 8:20 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:45 p.m.