Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Kilmer called the meeting to order.

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 Smith

Work Session – Results of Income Tax Study

John Kaczor, Municipal Analytics founder and principal consultant, gave a presentation on the results of the Income Tax Study.

Discussion ensued.

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Bruce Kilmer, Mayor                  Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 22, 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 Smith

Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Communication regarding County Wide Emergency Notification
2. Third Quarter Investment Report

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

1. Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held October 8, 2012.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held October 8, 2012.
3. Payrolls dated 10/12/12 and warrants dated 10/10/12 and 10/18/12 all totaling $1,059,741.68.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to enter into a lease agreement with the Maness Petroleum Corporation on a portion of the mineral rights owned by the Parks Department in 3.04 acres of property located in Sherman Township and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all necessary documents.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to approve the following resolution in support of a coalition application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfield assessment grant funds.
WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant; the Gratiot County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (GCBRA), administered by Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.; and Isabella County as represented by the Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC); is applying to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfield Petroleum and Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant – Assessment Coalition; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply as a coalition, the EPA requires the coalition to comprise of a minimum of three eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant is requesting the participation of the GCBRA via Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. and Isabella County through the Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) to partner with the City as a coalition; and

WHEREAS, formation of a coalition will allow our region to apply for up to $600,000 to inventory, prioritize and conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments of Brownfield sites in the above listed areas and, most importantly, develop reuse plans for the properties; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant is desirous of entering into such a partnership which will provide important resources to the community and business members of the coalition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant will serve as the lead organization in the grant application with Greater Gratiot Development (representing the GCBRA) and MMDC (representing Isabella County).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that, as part of the application process and prior to the expenditure of funds, the Mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant is authorized to sign the EPA required Memorandum of Agreement, between the various coalition partners.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Rautanen and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Resolution unanimously approved

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) and subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a legal opinion from legal counsel and consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute and discuss pending litigation.

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

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act regarding negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Holton asked for clarification on leaf pickup dates. Leaf pickup dates are in the City newsletter and on the City’s website. Commissioner Holton thanked the students and community group for cleanup of the City after CMU Homecoming.
Vice Mayor Ling announced that applications to boards and commissions are still being sought. The application deadline is October 29th.

**Work Session - Proposed 2013 Operating Budget**

City Manager Grinzinger, Director Glen Feldhauser and Fire Chief Greg Walterhouse gave a presentation on three pieces of the proposed 2013 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 7:57 p.m. and entered into closed session at 8:04 p.m. and went back into regular session at 8:55 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve a collective bargaining agreement with Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) and collective bargaining agreement with Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM). Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Kilmer adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:57 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk