

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Jon Joslin, Rick Rautanen and Matthew Sous for the term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Commissioners Present: English, Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

City Clerk Howard conducted the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

City Clerk Howard opened nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Tilmann nominated Commissioner Ling for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann  
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin  
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Ling was elected Mayor for 2013.

Commissioner Rautanen nominated Commissioner Tilmann for Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Tilmann was elected Vice Mayor for 2013.

Mayor Ling conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to adopt the following resolution setting time and day of regular meetings:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2013 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m. (except for May 27 rescheduled to May 28 due to Memorial Day) in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (November)
2. Mt. Pleasant Airport Advisory Board Minutes (November)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (December)
4. Principal Shopping District Board Minutes (December)
5. Resignation of Kim Ellertson (term to expire 12/31/15) from Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Communication from City resident Martha Smith regarding the Mt. Pleasant Center Property

7. Communication from City resident Phyllis McKillop regarding customer service

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held December 10, 2012.
2. Appointments of City Employee Representatives to various ad hoc boards and committees for 2013 were made as follows:  
Building Authority  
Finance Director  
Center for Applied Research Technology/  
Local Development Finance Authority  
City Manager  
911/Central Dispatch Governing Board  
City Manager *or* Public Safety Director  
Isabella County Material Recovery Facility  
Governing Board  
Department of Public Works Director  
MML Legislative Coordinator  
City Manager
3. Downtown Infrastructure Grant Resolution:  
WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has approved the use of Downtown Infrastructure Grant funds for the reconstruction of parking lot #2, also known as "Jockey Alley," and  
WHEREAS, according to the regulations of the funding agency, all grant documentation must be executed by the City's highest elected official;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all necessary grant documentation for the reconstruction of parking lot #2, also known as "Jockey Alley" project effective beginning January 14, 2013.
4. Extend from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the Initial Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Central Michigan University to provide flexibility under the current water ordinances.
5. Payrolls dated 1/11/13 and warrants 1/8/13 and 1/10/13 all totaling \$98,850.54.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Ling made the following appointments of City Commission Representatives to various ad hoc boards and committees for 2013:

Appointments

Sharon Tilmann (Chair)  
Nancy English  
Jon Joslin

Charter

Jon Joslin (Chair)  
Nancy English  
Matt Sous

Council of Governments

Matt Sous

International Relations

Kathleen Ling

Open Space and Farmland  
Preservation

Jon Joslin

Audit

James Holton (Chair)  
Rick Rautanen  
Kathleen Ling (alt)

City-CMU Student Liaison

Sharon Tilmann  
Rick Rautanen

Intergovernmental Liason

Kathleen Ling  
Sharon Tilmann

Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity

Rick Rautanen

Property

Nancy English (Chair)  
James Holton  
Matt Sous

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to approve the following appointment of City Commission Representatives to City boards and commissions for 2013:

Economic Development Corporation/  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Mayor or designee (James Holton)

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following appointment of City Commission Representatives to City boards and commissions for 2013:

Principal Shopping District Board  
(Downtown Development Board)

Vice Mayor Tilmann

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 7:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:18 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to agree to the Code Red Inter-Local Agreement as presented and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to approve the following appointments to boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Bill Dailey

Term To Expire

December 31, 2015

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Lara Raisanen

December 31, 2013  
(partial term)

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to introduce and set a public hearing for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on proposed ordinance to repeal Ordinance 634 "An Ordinance To Provide For Service Charge In Lieu Of Taxes For A Proposed Multiple Family Dwelling Project For Persons Of Low Income To Be Financed Or Assisted Pursuant To The Provisions Of The State Housing Development Authority Act Of 1966 (1966 PA 346, AS AMENDED) Of The Code Of Ordinances, In Its Entirety". Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to introduce and set a public hearing for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on proposed ordinance to amend sections 96.05 and 96.99 of the Mount Pleasant City Code to Regulate Lawn Maintenance and the Removal of Noxious Weeds. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with counsel regarding pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous stated that he is honored to be a Commissioner and thanked the citizens for their support. He is looking forward to working with the Commission.

Mayor Ling announced that she attended the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Ribbon Cutting and commented that the Museum is a great addition to the City and encourages the public to go check it out. Mayor Ling also stated that she is impressed by how fast first responders responded to an incident on her street.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Harrison Puhlman, 1005 S. Main St., shared information on the Greeks “Clean the Streets” Program and its future.

The Commission recessed at 7:33 p.m. and entered into closed session at 7:39 p.m. They went back into regular session at 8:16 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Holton to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk