

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Ling called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Tilmann; Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin (7:07p.m.), Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Dorothy and Jerry Sheahan in support of their years of service to the community.

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to John Haycock, Director of Women's Aid, and Toni Davis, Prevention Educator at Women's Aid, in support of "Sexual Assault Awareness Month - April, 2013".

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Communication regarding the possibility of income tax vs. millage increase.
2. Communication from Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation.
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (February).
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Work Session Minutes (February).

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

1. Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held March 11, 2013.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 11, 2013.
3. Bid of Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$54,996 (\$27,498.00 each) for two police interceptor vehicles.
4. Bid of Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$28,716 for a Ford Expedition four-wheel drive vehicle.
5. Resolution accepting Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Foundation as a 501c(3).
6. Authorize an addendum to the current 2013 Spicer contract covering activities associated with the Mt. Pleasant Center to include preliminary assistance with grant applications and pre-award requirements in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.
7. One year contract extension with Isabella County on Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Operation Agreement.
8. Six month extension to the Mid Michigan Industries (MMI) contract for curbside recycling pick up at a cost of \$4,279 per month.
9. Shared Employee Agreement with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to reimburse Mt. Pleasant Public Schools for the cost of a current PEAK employee and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the document.
10. Resolution to appoint Street Superintendent Robert Murphy Act 51 Street Administrator.
11. Amendment to the March 14, 2011 minutes to reflect the correct property description for IFT District No. 6 at 706 West Pickard Street.
12. Payroll dated 3/13/13 and warrants dated 3/13/13, 3/14/13, 3/15/13 and 3/21/13 all totaling \$772,757.13.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Passport Grant Application to repair Mill Pond Park weirs and consider approval of resolution in support of the application. There being no public comment or communication received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the resolution in support of Passport Grant Application to repair Mill Pond Park Weirs as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant wishes to conduct infrastructure repairs to the existing Chippewa River weir structure in Mill Pond Park, and

WHEREAS, those improvements are consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, those improvements are listed in the City's Proposed 2014 - 2018 Capital Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project and grant were discussed at a public meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission on March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant City Hall to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Pleasant has committed \$30,000 or 50% of a total proposed \$60,000 project cost from its Capital Improvement Fund budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mount Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport grant application for 2013.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Nancy Ridley gave a presentation answering questions raised at the March 11, 2013 Public Hearing on Income Tax vs. Millage Rate Increase.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to direct staff to no longer consider an income tax as an alternative revenue source. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to direct staff to begin planning the 2014 Operating Budget based on an assumption of a possible 1.5 millage increase from the current year; and at the same time, look at any possible options to reduce the budget. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

| | <u>Term To Expire</u> |
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| <u>FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD</u> | |
| Randy Ball | December 31, 2017 |
| <u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BOARD</u> | |
| Alan Godley | December 31, 2013 |
| Scott Harris | December 31, 2013 |
| <u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u> | |
| Lara Raisanen | December 31, 2015 |

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following Resolution in Support of an MDEQ Loan Application for Mt. Pleasant Center:

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant City Commission approves the submittal of a loan application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for environmental cleanup and demolition at the Mt. Pleasant Center Property located at 1400 West Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the City intends to commence the redevelopment of the Mt. Pleasant Center property consistent with the terms of the loan should the loan be granted, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will be consistent with the City's development and redevelopment plans as contained in its Master Plan and subsequent updates, and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of this site will assist the City in achieving its goal of improving environmental conditions at the site to support redevelopment activities, and

WHEREAS, the MDEQ Loan is a beneficial component of the City's redevelopment effort for the property by offsetting the extraordinary environmental clean-up and demolition costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves the submittal of the MDEQ Loan application in the amount of up to \$2,000,000 for the purposes of structure demolition and site remediation efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Commission authorizes the City Manager to sign all MDEQ grant and loan documents pertaining to this funding which targets the redevelopment of the Mt. Pleasant Center property, and to proceed with the submittal of the application.

Motion unanimously adopted.

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin reminded everyone that we are very dependent on property taxes, especially from businesses. He asked citizens to continue to lobby our legislators for our share of state shared revenue; he asked CMU to lobby legislators to fully fund fire reimbursement and he suggested continued negotiations with Union Township to merge the two entities.

Vice Mayor Tilmann thanked the City Manager for help with Isabella County Council of Governments meeting.

Commissioner Holton thanked Roger Rouse for his service with the City and wished him the best for the future.

Commissioner English congratulated CMU women's basketball for their season accomplishments.

Mayor Ling thanked Roger Rouse for his service with the City and wished him the best for the future. Mayor Ling also stated that she wants to take a closer look at recycling activities and has been having discussions with the County to set up a task force for the future.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Peter Tolas, 405 W. Grand, would like to request the City stay out of the real estate business.

The Commission recessed at 8:43 p.m. and entered into closed session at 8:51 p.m. They went back into regular session at 9:05 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the four year labor contract with Technical, Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) as recommended by staff. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:07 p.m.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk