

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 24, 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, Joslin, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Holton

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling announced a \$500 Neighborhood Mini Grant to the Washington Area Neighborhood Association.

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation in support of "National Recreation and Parks month - July, 2013" to Robert Roberts, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (May)
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (May)
3. 2012 Component Unit Financial Reports

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen 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 June 10, 2013.
2. Bid of Gerace Construction Company, Inc. of Midland, Michigan in the amount of \$600,462.00 for Waste Water Settling Tank Improvements.
3. Amended Easement Agreement from Bobenal Investments for the Campus Mall Plaza property.
4. Easement Agreement from Central Michigan University for the Campus Mall Plaza property.
5. Appointed Shar Rappuhn as Employer Delegate to Municipal Employees' Retirement System Annual Meeting.
6. Resolution recognizing the Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.
7. Payrolls dated 6/21/13 and warrants dated June 11, 13, 19 & 20, 2013 all totaling \$974,048.24.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the necessity of public improvements for Special Assessment District No. 1-13: install pedestrian street lighting on the west side of South Washington Street from West Bellows St. on the south to West High St. on the north.

Chuck and Wendy Allan (C&W Investments), 804 S. Washington, spoke in opposition of the Special Assessment.

There being no other public comment or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The following Special Assessment District 1-13 Resolution No. 3 was offered by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Sous:

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after due and legal notice, has met and heard all interested persons to be affected by the proposed public improvements hereinafter described;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with Special Assessment No. 1-13;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby determines to install pedestrian street lights on the west side of South Washington Street from West Bellows St on the south to West High St on the north in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-13.

2. The plans, profiles and specifications previously prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved.

3. The Commission hereby approves the detailed estimates of cost and determines that of said total estimated cost of \$150,000.00, \$150,000.00 shall be paid by special assessments upon the properties specially benefited, and that \$0.00 shall be the obligation of the city-at-large because of the benefit to the city-at-large.

4. The City Assessor is directed to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the Commission's determination.

5. When the Assessor has completed the assessment roll he shall file the roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

The following Special Assessment District 1-13 Resolution No. 4 was offered by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Sous:

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared the special assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 1-13 to special assess that portion of the cost of the public improvements to the properties specially benefited by said public improvements, and the same has been presented to the City Commission by the City Clerk.

WHEREAS, the district is described as: install pedestrian street lights on the west side of South Washington Street from West Bellows St on the south to West High St on the north.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is accepted and will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.

2. The City Commission shall meet at City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on July 8, 2013, to hear all persons interested in reviewing the special assessment roll, and shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard, and the City Clerk is directed to publish and mail, in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions, the notice of hearing.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to approve the amended LDFA Maintenance budget as recommended by the LDFA Board. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to accept the donation of land from Stuart and Joan Moses; designate the property as official park land, preserving it “for recreational purposes to benefit the community” as requested by the Moses’ family; officially designate the property a part of Pickens Field Park facility; and direct staff to erect and maintain a plaque at the easterly entrance of the property highlighting the recreational use of the land and recognizing the donation of the Moses’ family. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Tilmann and supported by Commissioner English to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Holton

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Vice Mayor Tilmann thanked Lisa Hadden for her work and devotion to LeTour De Mont Pleasant.

Commissioner Joslin asked for an update on the bee situation downtown. Parks & Public Spaces Director Bundy responded that the queen bee and swarm was removed.

Commissioner Rautanen commented that it is good that the bees were removed rather than killed. He thanked local law enforcement and fire department for all of their help during LeTour De Mont Pleasant.

The Commission recessed at 7:56 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:04 p.m.

WORK SESSION: Discussion on parameters for drafting an ordinance regarding food trucks.

City Manager Grinzinger led a discussion on parameters for drafting an ordinance regarding food trucks.

Discussion ensued.

The City Commission entered into a closed session at 9:14 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:33 p.m.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:34p.m.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk