

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tilmann and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous (7:02p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

#### Proclamations and Presentations

City Assessor Rowley gave a presentation on personal property tax exemptions for 2014.

Discussion ensued.

#### Additions to Agenda

Item #14 "Resolution in support of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in denouncing the offensive and derogatory remarks made in the *New Yorker* magazine" was added to the agenda.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Airport Advisory Board Minutes (December)
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission work session Minutes (December)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (December)
4. Fourth Quarter Investment Report

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 13, 2014.
2. Bid of Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$61,660 for the purchase of two police patrol vehicles.
3. Receive application of Table74 LLC for a Redevelopment Liquor License for 200 E. Broadway and set a public hearing on same for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
4. Set a special meeting for Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss goals for 2015.
5. Contract with Prein & Newhof, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Construction Engineering Services for the oversight of the Broadway Street reconstruction Phase I project in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,748.
6. Payrolls dated January 17, 2014 and warrants dated January 14, 15, 16 and 23, 2014 all totaling \$1,279,865.35.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Kulick to receive Application of J & J Land Management LLC at 1900 Gover Parkway for an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement and set a public hearing on same for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Kulick to make the following appointment to the Principal Shopping District Board.

**Principal Shopping District (DDB)**

**Term to Expire**

Peggy Bongard

January 31, 2015

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following Resolution in support of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in denouncing the offensive and derogatory remarks made in the *New Yorker* magazine.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe have worked together for a number of years to develop a healthy and vibrant community which is devoid of racism and discrimination, and

WHEREAS, the City believes that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity as outlined in the recently adopted Human Rights Ordinance in Chapter 39 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, a number of Native Americans reside in the City limits and a greater number on the City's eastern boundary, and

WHEREAS, the City values and respects the contributions of the Tribe to the cultural diversity of our community, and

WHEREAS, The New Yorker national magazine recently attributed quotes of an offensive and divisive nature to an Oakland County Executive, and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal leadership recently expressed outrage at the comments, and in particular, the comments regarding Indian reservations, AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission does hereby join with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in denouncing the offensive and derogatory remarks and supports the Tribe in their seeking of a public apology.

Motion unanimously adopted.

**Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns**

Commissioner Kulick reminded citizens to please help the fire department by making sure that any fire hydrants close to their residence or business are clear of snow.

Commissioner Ling announced that some very positive comments were made at the last Airport Advisory Meeting regarding John Benzinger and his outstanding years of service. Commissioner Ling also mentioned that she has received calls recently from Riverton, Wyoming to let us know that our agreements for City/Tribal land regulations are being used as a model for their tribal agreements.

Commissioner Rautanen reminded the citizens to please be patient with City staff regarding snow removal on the many miles of streets in the City.

The Commission recessed at 7:24 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:32 p.m.

WORK SESSION: Residential Neighborhood Parking Study by Walker Parking Consultants.

Interim City Manager Ridley and Phil Baron from Walker Parking Consultants led a discussion on the Residential Neighborhood Parking Study.

Discussion ensued.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:28 p.m.

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Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk