Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 14, 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; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Holton

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Additions to Agenda

Item #17: “Consider employment agreement with City Manager.” was removed from the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (April)
2. Principal Shopping District Minutes (June)
3. Principal Shopping District Special meeting Minutes (July)
4. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order T13-2014
5. Report on Downtown Special Assessment Questions from May 27 work session

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held June 23, 2014.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 23, 2014.
3. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held June 24, 2014.
4. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held June 25, 2014.
5. Contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink of Midland, Michigan as approved by the City Attorney for services under the SAW grant at an amount not-to-exceed $920,809 over the next two years fully payable from the grant funds received and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said Contract.
6. Bid of Scodeller Construction, Inc. of Wixom, Michigan for the 2014 Crack Sealing project in the amount of $45,748.80.
7. Bid of Bolle Contracting of Clare, Michigan for the 2014 Street Cleaning Disposal project for August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015 at $20.43 per ton for an estimated total of $20,430.
8. Amendment to contract with Isabella Corporation in the amount of $8,829 for an additional section of replacement sidewalk and a budget amendment from the Capital Improvement Fund.
9. Dog park construction agreement between the City of Mt. Pleasant, Charter Township of Union and Friends of the Dog Park and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the same.
10. Dog park operational agreement between the City of Mt. Pleasant and Charter Township of Union and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign same.
   WHEREAS, a request was received to vacate a portion of Parcel 7 in the Franklin Street right-of-way located at 1101 N. Franklin, measuring approximately 12.55’ x 69.6’, and;
   WHEREAS, City staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the request and have no objection to the vacation of the right-of-way.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the proposed vacation described above be held in the City Commission Chamber, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway, in the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on the 25th day of August, 2014 at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of hearing comments or objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of such hearing, including a copy of this resolution, shall be published at least once each week for four weeks before the appointed time for such meeting in the Morning Sun, a newspaper published and circulated in said City.

Payrolls dated June 20, July 3 and July 11, 2014 and warrants dated June 13, 18, 26, July 2, 8 and 10, 2014 all totaling $2,039,140.23.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve a contract with Cozette Phillips and Tybre Newcomer at a price of $12,805 for the creation of a sculpture that will be gifted to the City of Okaya in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the sister city relationship and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract after final approval by the City Attorney. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous requested an update on Potter Park discussions with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Commissioner Sous stated that he has some questions and concerns regarding Washington and Main Streets being changed to two-way. He is wondering if a video could be posted of the discussions that took place on the issue. He would also like to look at the format of commission agendas and how they are set, how work sessions are held, and how the commission communicates.

Commissioner Ling would also like to look at the format of commission agendas and how they are set, how work sessions are held, and how the commission communicates. She offered her thanks and congratulations to all those involved with the recent events downtown – summer concert, back-to-the-bricks, and movies by moonlight.

Mayor Tilmann offered her condolences to the Robert Bucholtz family and friends. The City has lost a valued member and contributor to the community.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Nicholas Madaj, 1518 Somerset, spoke regarding the fireworks ordinance and questions on enforcement of it.

Sam Staples, 300 Russell, invited Commissioners to tour the new Dayco building on Gover Parkway and also mentioned that he would like to serve on the Airport Advisory Board.

Cathy Tilmann, 417 N. Franklin, spoke regarding the fireworks ordinance and questions on enforcement of it.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:39 p.m.

Sharon Tilmann, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk