

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 11, 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 Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous (7:07p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

City Building Official Kench gave a presentation on the City's new parking pilot programs.

Discuss ensued.

City Manager Ridley gave a presentation on the 2015 conversion to two-way streets for Main and Washington Streets.

Discussion ensued.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (June)
2. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order T14-2014

Item #8: "Consider recommendation regarding 2-5 a.m. parking ordinance enforcement." was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick 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 July 28, 2014.
2. Three year contract with Gawne Trucking, Inc. of Charlotte, Michigan for biosolids removal in a not-to-exceed amount of \$170,250.
3. Three year contract with NGS CoreSource of Mt. Clemens, Michigan for the professional services related to all duties of a Third Party Administrator for the City's Employee and Retiree Health Care Plans at an estimated cost of \$49,600 for 2015 and \$59,300 for 2016 and 2017 and authorize the Human Resources Director to sign the final contract.
4. Resolution for the Vacation of a portion of Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive:

WHEREAS, Illinois Street has never been developed as an east-west secondary road,

WHEREAS, Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive is a parcel of land that is 66' by 130',

WHEREAS, there are only two (2) parcels which are adjacent to Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive,

WHEREAS, both property owners have signed a written request asking the city to vacate the described portion of Illinois Street,

WHEREAS, both city staff and the Planning Commission have reviewed the request and have no objection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a parcel of land described as that portion of Illinois Street which is 130 feet in length and west of Greenfield Drive is proposed to be vacated,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the proposed vacation as hereinbefore described above be held in the City Commission

Chamber, City Hall, 320 West Broadway, in the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on the 22nd day of September, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing 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.

5. Receive proposed amendment to §133.02 of Chapter 133, Fireworks, of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to prohibit the discharge of fireworks between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the designated holidays, in addition to the existing prohibition on all other days and set a public hearing for August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
6. Payrolls dated August 1, 2014 and warrants dated July 30 and 31, 2014 and August 1, 5, 6 and 7, 2014 all totaling \$1,086,831.42.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the naming request for the dog park. John Scalise, 304 E. High St. and John Dinse, 1206 E. High St., spoke in favor of the naming request for the dog park as "Hannah's Bark Park". There being no other comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the naming request for the dog park as "Hannah's Bark Park".
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve a trial period for non-enforcement of the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking restriction in the non-downtown areas only during the months of September, October and November, 2014 and April, 2015.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Kulick
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the following appointments to various boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

	<u>Term to Expire</u>
<u>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</u>	
Aimee Goudreau	December 31, 2015

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the adoption of the following Resolution Nos. 1 and 2 to commence the proceedings for Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District 1-15:

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant; Chapter 33: TAXATION, Section 33.17 "Authority to Assess", of the Code of Ordinances, and Public Act 120 of 1961 "Redevelopment of Shopping Areas", the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant may commence proceedings to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District within the City and determine the tentative necessity thereof,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has tentatively deemed it to be in the public's interest, health and welfare to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Manager is directed to cause to be prepared a report which shall include all analysis and information required by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report", of the Code of Ordinances,
2. When the aforesaid report is completed, the City Manager shall file the same with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared a report concerning funding for the Principal Shopping District in Special Assessment District No. 1-15, which includes all of the information to be included by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report" of the City's Code of Ordinances;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said report;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant determines that it is tentatively necessary to provide funding for the Principal Shopping District in the City of Mt. Pleasant more particularly hereinafter described in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby tentatively determines that providing funding for the Principal Shopping District described more particularly hereinafter provided for are necessary.
2. The total funding for the Principal Shopping District for the next two years (2015 and 2016) is estimated to be \$ 237,800 per year. \$100,000 shall be spread over the special assessment district as hereinafter described as a result of benefits to be received by the affected properties in the special assessment district. \$137,800 shall be paid by the City-at-large.
3. Said special assessment district shall consist of all the lots and parcels of land as follows: all lots in the Principal Shopping District as established by the City Commission at the February 24, 2003 meeting and amended at the November 14, 2005 meeting.
4. The duration of the special assessment shall be two years.
5. The affected properties in the special assessment district shall be assessed in accordance with the relative portion of the sum to be levied in the district, as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels.
6. The aforesaid report shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk where the same shall be available for public examination.
7. The City Commission shall meet on August 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street, for the purpose of hearing objections to providing funding to the "Principal Shopping District".
8. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of said hearing to be published and mailed in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions.
9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Motion unanimously adopted.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin asked staff to look at parking on Locust Street, west of Main St. due to concerns with truck traffic.

Commissioner Sous asked if the Commission can have additional discussions with MDOT regarding pedestrian islands on High Street at Main and Washington Streets.

Commissioner Ling requested clarification from MDOT regarding the pedestrian islands.

Mayor Tilmann announced that the Isabella County Council of Governments will be having a picnic on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Township Hall.

The Commission recessed at 8:14 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:20 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:30p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the terms of the POAM/COAM 2015 contract economic reopener as recommended by staff. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:31 p.m.

Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk