

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 23, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Rautanen

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read and presented a proclamation in support of "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week - March 2 - 8, 2015" to Cathy Zuker representing the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (January)
2. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (December & January)
3. Communication from City resident Gary Gilson regarding refuse and recycling pick-up location.
4. Letter at dais from City resident Trevis Moore regarding refuse and recycling pick-up location.
5. Receipt of Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report.

Item #10 "Consider license agreement with 915 E. Bromfield LLC as part of the 915 E. Broomfield Development." was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 9, 2015 as amended.
2. Minutes of closed session of the City Commission held February 9, 2015.
3. Minutes of special meeting of the City Commission held February 16, 2015.
4. Receive recommendation from Planning Commission on conditional rezoning for property located at 215 E. Locust Street and set a public hearing for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
5. Appoint Corey Friedrich as the representative of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term as recommended by the Planning Commission.
6. Payrolls dated February 6 and 13, 2015 and warrants dated February 11, 13 and 19, 2015 all totaling \$851,777.78.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve a contract with Denali Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for construction of Hannah's Bark Park in accordance with their base bid of \$97,450. Allow for the project balance after engineering costs to be used for project contingency and site amenities not to exceed a total project cost of \$117,600. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joslin to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the license agreement with 915 E. Broomfield LLC as part of the 915 E. Broomfield Development.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Sous and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Ling

ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the Sidewalk Prioritization Policy with amendments. (CC Ex. 2-2015) Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Sous to change administrative practices so that any mailed notices of public hearings are mailed to property owners within 600 feet of the subject property on a six month trial basis.

AYES: Commissioner Holton, Ling and Sous
NAYS: Commissioners Joslin, Kulick and Verleger
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Potter Playground Operation Agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick announced that a run water notice has been put into effect for a selected and notified group of residents and businesses.

Commissioner Sous announced that sidewalk shoveling policy states commercial businesses are required to clear snow within 24 hours and residential houses are encouraged to clear sidewalks to be neighborly. He would like staff to look into enforcing commercial businesses' compliance. Commissioner Sous also announced that he will be giving a presentation on the Dog Park at the MML Conference and encourages other Commissioners to attend the Conference.

Commissioner Joslin questioned the increased cost of snow removal along school routes.

Commissioner Ling reminded citizens to attend the open house for Parks and Recreation Master Plan being held Tuesday, February 24, 2015 from 2:30 - 4:30 and 6:30 - 8:30. There is also an on-line survey you can fill out now through March 10 at mt-pleasant.org/parksmasterplan. Commissioner Ling also encouraged Commissioners to give any Charter amendment ideas to the Charter Committee.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Lily Kostrzewa, 204 Court St., announced that she will be presenting an Asian Artists' Cultural Exchange demonstration at Veterans Memorial Library on Thursday, March 19 from 6 - 8 p.m. and artist reception at CMU Multicultural/Diversity Center on March 24 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. without objection.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk