Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 13, 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 and Vice Mayor Rautanen; Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager Ridley introduced newly promoted Fire Lieutenant Randy Keeler and recently hired employees Bernie Schafer, Fire Equipment Operator and Mike Servis, Wastewater Operator.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #18: “Consider approval of a one-year extension to DEQ Brownfield Redevelopment Loan for the Mt. Pleasant Center.” was added to the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Downtown Development Board Minutes (March)
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (May)
5. 2014 Component Unit Financial Reports.
6. Correspondence from city resident Robert Nimms regarding site plans.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 22, 2015.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held June 22, 2015.
3. Bid of Pyramid Paving Company of Bay City, Michigan in the amount of $100,250 for the modified asphalt overlay project on Bellows and Livingston Streets.
4. Bid of Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the Broadway Riverbank Restoration project and Millpond Weirs project in the amount of $390,790 and authorize the use of $91,640 of the flood relief funds received.
5. Bid of Homefield Turf and Athletic of Clarkston, Michigan for Island Park Field Reconditioning in the amount of $21,840, with the additional funds of $840 coming from the recreation fund to cover the balance of the base bid.
6. Approval of Susanne Gandy, Director of Human Resources, as Employer Delegate to Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting.
7. Approve the following appointment to the Great Lakes Bay Regional Development Corporation as recommended by the Appointments Committee:
   Great Lakes Bay Regional Development Corporation
   Michael Carey          Term Expires: May 1, 2018
8. Appoint James McBryde to the Great Lakes Bay Regional Development Corporation Loan Approval Committee.
9. Payrolls dated June 19 and July 2, 2015 and warrants dated June 17 and 25 and July 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2015 all totaling $1,589,226.54.

Motion unanimously adopted.
City Manager Ridley announced that the draft sent out on the proposed Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 110 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances by amending Section 110.11 and adding section 110.29 to regulate going out-of-business sales contained a typographical error referencing Section 111.10 and 110.10.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 110 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances by amending Section 110.11 and adding section 110.29 to regulate going out-of-business sales. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Verleger that Ordinance 999, an Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 110 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances by amending Section 110.11 and adding section 110.29 to regulate going out-of-business sales having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Kulick to receive proposed amendments to Title V, Chapter 50 “Solid Wastes” of the Mt. Pleasant City Code and set a public hearing for Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Vice Mayor Rautanen recused himself from Item #13: “Consider recommendation from Economic Development Corporation (EDC) regarding the reallocation and additional allocation of Economic Development Funds.” due to a conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to accept the recommendation from the EDC to allow Lodgeco to utilize the previously allocated funds toward road construction and public utilities at a total amount not-to-exceed $338,820 and authorize the allocation of an additional $13,300 from the Economic Development Fund to the EDC to reimburse the developer for the state inspection fees. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to authorize the City Manager to sign a one-year extension to July 17, 2016 for the DEQ Brownfield Redevelopment Loan for the Mt. Pleasant Center. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick announced that construction will begin July 20 on the two way conversion of Main and Washington Streets and is scheduled to be finished by August 11.

Commissioner Sous reminded the Commissioners and the community that Hannah’s Bark Park grand opening is Friday, July 17 at 4:30. He also reminded the public to vote for Hannah’s Bark Park in the MML Community Excellence Awards competition.

City Clerk Howard/Commissioner Ling announced that Nominating Petitions for the Office of City Commissioner are currently available at the Office of the City Clerk. The deadline for filing is 4 p.m. on July 21, 2015. The election will be held November 3, 2015. The current terms of Commissioners Jon Joslin, Rick Rautanen and Matthew Sous are expiring at the end of 2015. Three full-term City Commission positions will be available for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.
Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk