Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Frank Cloutier, Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, recognizing “Indigenous Peoples Day – October 10, 2016”.

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Kathy Hill to recognize and honor her service to the community.

Brenda Upton, Commission on Aging Director, gave a presentation regarding the proposed senior citizens services millage that will be on the upcoming November ballot as a proposal.

Discussion ensued.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Correspondence from Central Michigan University students Emily Ezinga and Tiffany Goodman advocating for increased special education events in Mt. Pleasant.
3. Resignation of Greg Schmidt from the Fire and Police Retirement Board.
4. Resignation of Aiman Shahpurwala from the Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Governing Board.
5. Historic District Commission Minutes. (June)
6. Downtown Development Board Minutes. (May)
7. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes. (August)
8. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes. (June)

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held September 26, 2016.
2. Bid of Central Fire Protection of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the replacement of DPW alarm system in the amount of $16,173 and authorize a budget amendment for the same.
4. Bid of Crawford Contracting of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for tree revetments along the river in the amount of $35,800.
5. Purchase-Buyback Agreement with Krapohl Ford for two trucks at a cost of $60,234.
6. Resolution in support of Traffic Control Order #6-2016:
WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 6-2016 [Relocate the “Riverview Resident Parking Only” signs from parking lot 10 to the lower parking lot behind the apartment building (northwest side of building). Place “10 hour parking” signs in parking lot 10 in place of the resident only parking signs. Place a barrier free parking sign and pavement marking in the lower parking lot behind the apartment building adjacent to the new building entry.]
Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on October 10, 2016, for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises, 

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves traffic control order No. 6-2016 as a permanent traffic control order.

7. Payroll dated September 23, 2016 and warrants dated September 21, 26 and 29, 2016 all totaling $1,303,003.86
Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendments to Sections 152.004 and 152.007 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances regarding reference to latest edition of Property Management Code. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Verleger that Ordinance 1017, an Ordinance to amend Sections 152.004 and 152.007 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances regarding reference to latest edition of Property Management Code having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendments to Sections 130.01, 131.10, 132.03 and 132.04 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances and to repeal Section 130.99 to clarify and eliminate redundant maximum-penalty provisions for various offenses. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Gillis that Ordinance 1018, an Ordinance to amend Sections 130.01, 131.10, 132.03 and 132.04 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances and to repeal Section 130.99 to clarify and eliminate redundant maximum-penalty provisions for various offenses having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve a contract with R & T Murphy Trucking LLC of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for $118 per hour at a not-to-exceed contract amount of $19,000 for 2016 leaf hauling and $14,000 for 2016-2017 snow removal and that staff review the current Purchasing Policy and develop recommendations on contracts with city employees or companies involving city employees before April, 2017 and present those recommendations to the Commission.

City of Mt. Pleasant Street Superintendent Bob Murphy is a co-owner with a financial interest in R&T Murphy Trucking. No City staff and/or resources/facilities will be used in fulfilling the contract terms.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to eliminate the employee computer purchase policy. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to set a special meeting for Monday, October 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to consider conducting a closed
session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick announced that Halloween trick-or-treating time will be from 6 – 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016 in the City.

Commissioner Gillis reminded everyone that October 11 is the last day to register to vote in the November election and encourages people to register if they have not already done so. She announced the community workshop that took place September 21 regarding the new zoning code and that the turnout was great. The next set of meetings will be November 18 thru 21 at City Hall. She invited citizens to attend the League of Women Voters forum of State Legislature and City Commission, Thursday, October 13; League of Women Voters forum of County Commissioners and County Clerk on Thursday, October 20; and SWAN neighborhood forum on Tuesday, October 18 at 8:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Lents requested staff to gather data on developing a dedicated Downtown Master Plan for the City.

Mayor Ling announced that the Greek’s clean the streets was last Sunday – 31 students participated. She thanked the students and asked if the Commission could have a formal opportunity to thank them at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Marie Koper, 509 S. University, invited City Commission to attend a lecture on Changing Climate on Friday, October 21 at 1:45 p.m. at Park Library Auditorium, on CMU’s campus or at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Center for Arts & Business on Mid Michigan Community College’s campus.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. without objection.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor    Jeremy Howard, City Clerk