Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 25, 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 Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling welcomed Girl Scout Troop #50067 with their Troop Leader Coriann McIntosh to the meeting and thanked them for leading the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Jack Malinowski, group leader of the “Greeks-Clean the Streets” program, recognizing the work done by the “Greeks-Clean the Streets” program this year.

Director of Recreation Ryan Longoria gave an update on the status of Potter Playground and the crowdfunding campaign.

Receipt of Petitions and Presentations

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. 2016 First Quarter Investment Report.
3. Mt. Pleasant Airport Advisory Board Minutes (March).
4. Historic District Commission Minutes (March).

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 11, 2016.
2. Purchase of 350 tons of road salt through the State’s MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program at a cost of $58.26 per ton for a total cost of $20,391.
4. Payroll dated April 8, 2016 and warrants dated April 5, 6, 11 and 14, 2016 all totaling $680,552.36.

Motion unanimously adopted.

City Attorney Smith gave an overview on the recommended ordinance amendment.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendment to Section 131.14 and to Repeal Section 131.15 and Subsection 98.13(B) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant addressing dangerous, distracting and intimidating conduct in certain places. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Vice Mayor Lents that Ordinance 1009, an Ordinance to amend Section 131.14 and to Repeal Section 131.15 and Subsection 98.13(B) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mt. Pleasant addressing dangerous, distracting and intimidating conduct in certain places having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to amend the original motion by amending Section 131.14C(5) to read: “Stand, sit, or otherwise remain within 40 feet of the intersection of 2 or more public rights-of-way one of which with at least 2 travel lanes in any direction and or a speed posted in excess of 25 miles per
Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to amend Section 131.14C(5) to read: “Stand, sit, or otherwise remain within 40 feet of the intersection of 2 or more public rights-of-way both of which with at least 2 travel lanes in any direction and a speed posted in excess of 25 miles per hour; occupied by motor vehicles while displaying a sign or other object other than an official traffic sign authorized by a government unit with jurisdiction over the roadway.”

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

The Commission considered the original motion.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Advanced Outdoor Spraying for mosquito monitoring and testing services in essentially the format presented, with the City Attorney having authority to make minor changes if needed prior to execution.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve a budget amendment in the Major Street Fund in the amount of $28,950 to allow for additional pavement markings and signage.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Lents, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve Sidewalk Licenses for the 2016 season as recommended for Jo Jo’s Junk Shop and Curtiss Hardware.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.
Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Madaj to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Madaj reminded residents that there will be a Special School Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

Commissioner Verleger announced that opening weekend of little league is this weekend and thanked the parks staff for getting the fields ready for the season.

Commissioner Kulick thanked the parents for coaching the kids and teaching them to be team players and for contributing to the community.

Commissioner Gillis thanked the public and Commissioners for participating in the Mt. Pleasant Center property discussion last Monday.

City Attorney Scott Smith introduced Catherine Mish as a new attorney with Dickenson Wright.

The Commission recessed at 8:15 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:19 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Finance Director Kornexl, Assistant Finance Director Saladine and City Engineer Tewari gave a presentation on the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 8:50 p.m. and went back into a work session at 8:57 p.m.

A) Potential Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1) Mt. Pleasant Center Demolition Financing

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation will be on May 9 agenda.

B) Future Agenda Items

1) Economic Development Tools.

Discussion on Economic Development was delayed to a future work session.

C) Commissioner Ideas for Potential Future Topics

1) Commissioner Kulick suggested the Commission look at how the Commission Committees should function.

2) Commissioner Gillis suggested that the Charter Committee discussions should take place in the Chamber Room so they can be broadcast and recorded.
The Commission went into a closed session at 9:27 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:39 p.m.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor                                          Jeremy Howard, City Clerk