

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Lents and Vice Mayor Madaj; Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde and Ling

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Wood

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Lents read and presented a proclamation to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council Members recognizing "Indigenous Peoples Day - October 8, 2018".

Mayor Lents read and presented a proclamation to Jerry Fountain, with the Bowlers Hall of Fame, recognizing "Bowlers Hall of Fame Day - October 14, 2018".

Additions/Deletions To Agenda

Add Item #2 "Proclamation in support of Bowlers Hall of Fame Day (October 14, 2018).

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes. (July)
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes. (April)
4. Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District TIFA/PSD Minutes. (August)
5. Receipt of Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2018-2019 Core Legislative Principles.
6. Receipt of 2017-2018 Annual State of the League Report from Michigan Municipal League (MML) Executive Director and CEO Dan Gilmartin.
7. Correspondence received from McLaren Central Michigan regarding Maple Street project.
8. Correspondence received from Mark Francek, Kane St. and Wendy Lemke, 323 S. Kinney Ave., in support of residential sidewalk snow and ice removal.

9. Letters at the dias from Nancy Cantrell, 432 S. Fancher St.; Rose Gross, 1212 W. Broadway; and David McGuire, S. Washington St., in opposition to residential sidewalk snow and ice removal. Letter at the dias from Sandra Standish, S. Oak St., in support of residential sidewalk snow and ice removal.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Joseph to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held September 24, 2018.
2. Set a special meeting for Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the CMU Bovee University Center for the purpose of meeting with Central Michigan University Student Government Association.
10. Warrants dated September 14, 18 and 27, 2018 and Payrolls dated September 21, 2018 all totaling \$1,160,688.52.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 30 and 31.01 of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances. There being no comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph that Ordinance 1041, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Sections 30.04, 30.05, 30.06, 30.07, 30.08, 30.09, 30.10, 30.11, 30.13, 30.15 and 31.01 and add Section 30.16 to update the rules and procedures of the City Commission and reduce confusion that exists regarding when petitions are due for City Commission candidates of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Kulick
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on proposed Ordinance to amend Section 98.37 of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances regarding snow and ice removal.

Correspondence was received from the following individuals in opposition to the proposed ordinance for snow and ice removal: Nancy Cantrell, 432 S. Fancher; Rose Gross, 1212 W. Broadway; David McGuire, S. Washington St.

Correspondence was received from Sandra Standish, S. Oak St.; Mark Francek, Kane St.; and Wendy Lemke, 323 S. Kinney Ave., in support of the proposed ordinance for snow and ice removal.

Bruce Kilmer, 415 N. University; David Macleod, 525 S. Fancher; Michelle Buccilli, 602 Hopkins; Petro Tolas, 306 E. Broadway and Martha Riggs, 600 E. Gaylord spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance for snow and ice removal.

Larry Lemke, 323 S. Kinney, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance for snow and ice removal.

There being no additional comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Joseph to postpone action on changes to Section 98.37 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code regarding snow and ice removal until a work session discussion can be held.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to conduct 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.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick announced that Halloween trick-or-treat will be from: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. He also reminded residents of the fall leaf pickup schedule:

Week of October 22 - rake leaves into low piles;

Week of October 29 - City-wide sweep;

Week of November 5 - rake leaves into low piles;

Week of November 12 - City-wide sweep;

Week of November 19 - rake leaves into low piles; and

Week of November 26 - FINAL City-wide sweep.

Mayor Lents announced that the Pumpkin Promenade will be Wednesday, October 31 in Downtown Mt. Pleasant from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She also stated that she was glad to see tickets and arrests were down for CMU Homecoming weekend and thanked Public Safety for their work and for the partnership we have with CMU to change the culture and expectations.

Commissioner LaLonde commented that she is glad to see tickets and arrests were down for CMU Homecoming weekend and thanked Public Safety for their work.

Commissioner Gillis reminded the public that the mid-term election is Tuesday, November 6. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 9th. Absent voter ballots are available at the City Clerk's office.

Commissioner Ling announced open seats on boards and commissions and encouraged residents to apply. She commented that she is also glad to see tickets and arrests were down for CMU Homecoming weekend and thanked Public Safety for their work. She also thanked the Greeks clean the streets organization for their cleanup after the CMU Homecoming weekend.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Sara Spencer-Noggle introduced herself as a candidate for Isabella County Probate Court Judge in the upcoming election.

The Commission recessed at 8:10 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:20 p.m.

WORK SESSION - 2019 Operating Budget

Mayor Lents and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the 2019 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion will be continued at a future work session to further discuss the 2019 Operating Budget.

The Commission recessed 9:45 p.m. and went into closed session at 9:48 p.m. Closed session ended at 10:09 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk