

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 12, 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 Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Lents read and presented a proclamation in support of "Peacemaking Recognition Day - February 26, 2018" to Mt. Pleasant Schools Superintendent Jennifer Verleger.

Mayor Lents and City Planner Kain presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to Karen Clark representing Orchard Glen Condo Association.

City Manager Ridley explained that Parks & Public Spaces Director Bundy is ill and the presentation of the Parks Resource Leadership Award will be moved to a future meeting.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Brandon Gardner, Esq., 250 Monroe Ave. NW, Ste 400, Grand Rapids; Joey Kejbou, Esq., 21150 Coolidge Hwy, Oak Park; and Deborah Cary, Vestaburg spoke in support of the City opting in to MMMFLA.

Steven Stressman, 215 E. Chippewa; Paul Bigard, 1325 E. Chippewa and Mt. Pleasant Schools Superintendent Jennifer Verleger spoke in support of 1,000 foot buffer zone for MMMFLA.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District Board Minutes. (November)
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes. (December)
4. Planning Commission Minutes. (December)
5. Redevelopment Ready Communities Quarterly Report.

Moved by Vice Mayor Madaj 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 January 22, 2018.

2. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held January 29, 2018.
3. Bid of Turf Services Inc. of Spring Lake, Michigan at a price of \$69,705 for Island Park and Pickens Field infield repair and reconditioning.
4. Authorize purchase of John Deere gator in the amount of \$12,292 from Bader & Sons of St. Louis, Michigan through MI Deal Program.
5. Bid Douglass Safety Systems of Sanford, Michigan for breathing air compressor unit at a cost of \$49,536.
6. Bid of Fisher Transportation Co., of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for 2018 street sweepings disposal in the amount of \$19.67/ton.
7. Bid of Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the purchase of two police patrol vehicles at a cost of \$33,435 per vehicle.
8. Authorize amended award to Douglass Safety Systems of Sanford, Michigan to include 44 carbon fiber bottles at a price of \$19,360.
9. Resolution in support of MDOT Aeronautics Division contract 2018-0240 to approve appropriate funding and approvals for tree abatement and lighting project:

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (Federal Project Number B-26-0069-2115, MDOT Contract No. 2018-0240) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract to establish the scope and scale of the tree abatement and PAPI lighting projects at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve the safety for airport traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

10. Authorize Mayor to sign a contract with J. Ranck Electric for \$742,992 and a change order, reducing the price by \$224,205.
11. Authorize Mayor to sign a contract amendment with Mead and Hunt for \$25,149.
12. Approve purchase of FAA approved lights for the PAPI lighting project from ADB Safegate in the amount of \$25,188.
13. Authorize the Finance Director to implement the appropriate budget amendments for items 10, 11, and 12 at a net cost increase of \$4,414.
14. Appoint Corey Friedrich as the representative of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals as recommended by the Planning Commission.
15. Warrants dated January 24 and February 1, 2018 and Payrolls dated January 26, 2018 all totaling \$1,691,358.60.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the proposed improvements for Horizon Park from donated funds and authorize appropriate budget amendments. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Ling announced that there are Board and Commission openings and encouraged the public to apply. She commented that she is glad the City is participating

with the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools peacemaking program and thanked Nancy Nagler who was instrumental in getting it started years ago.

Commissioner Kulick thanked City employees from Department of Public Works for snow plowing this weekend.

Commissioner Gillis is pleased to be representing the Commission for the peacemaking proclamation at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Based on Mayor Lents' request for individual City Commissioner goals; Commissioner Gillis announced that her goals are: brush pick up, Indian Pines and community pool.

Mayor Lents asked that the Charter Committee look at Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances for any potential changes. She thanked Commissioner Ling for her past service as Mayor and presented her with a plaque.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Michael Heintz, 3157 Brittney Dr.; Chris West, 3047 Brittney Dr.; Tami and James Melton, 1151 Meadow Dr. voiced concerns about safety concerns at the intersection of Crawford and Pickard.

Chris West, 3047 Brittney Dr would like sidewalks installed on Crawford north of Pickard.

The Commission recessed at 7:50 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:57 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Medical Marihuana Discussion

Mayor Lents led a discussion on the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMMFLA) draft ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

Staff and City Attorney will incorporate generally agreed upon parameters into the draft ordinance to bring back to the Commission at the March 12 regularly scheduled City Commission meeting for further work session discussion.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk