Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 9, 2018, at 6:30 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 and LaLonde

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Ling

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

(6:39 p.m.)

Proclamations and Presentations

Director of Parks and Public Spaces Bundy introduced new Parks and Grounds Specialist David Fremin.

Mayor Lents read and presented a Proclamation to David Stevens, Senior Vice President of American Mitsuba, and Jeff Jacques, Plant Manager, recognizing American Mitsuba’s 30th Anniversary of doing business in Mt. Pleasant.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Traffic Control Committee Minutes. (February & April)
3. Corrected Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District (TIFA/PSD) Minutes. (April)
4. Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District (TIFA/PSD) Minutes. (May)
5. Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes. (May)
6. Planning Commission Minutes. (May)
7. Communication from The Millennia Companies, 4000 Key Tower, Cleveland, OH regarding proposed fire code.
8. Communication from impacted residents Margaret & Greg Travis, 522 N. Fancher and Kathy Formsma, 507 N. Kinney, regarding Special Assessment District #6-18.
9. Communication received from Bruce Kilmer regarding sidewalk snow shoveling.

Item #14 “Bids and Quotations: a. Pavement Markings” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick 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 June 25, 2018.
2. Resolution in support of Traffic Control Order No. 5-2018 as follows:
WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 5-2018 (Place ‘3 Hour Parking’ signs on the east side of Franklin St. between Mosher and Chippewa). Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on July 9, 2018, 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. 5-2018 as a permanent traffic control order.

3. Approve Payroll Specialist Jamie Raymond as the employer delegate for the 2018 MERS Annual Meeting.


Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the necessity of the public improvement; consider resolution #3 to proceed with improvement; consider resolution #4 to accept the special assessment roll and set public hearing regarding said roll for Special Assessment District #6-2018.

Communication received from Margaret & Greg Travis, 522 N. Fancher and Kathy Formsma, 507 N. Kinney, in opposition to Special Assessment #6-2018. Bailey McCaul, 518 N. Fancher spoke in opposition to Special Assessment #6-2018. Riley Justis, 506 N. Fancher, would like to see the item postponed to get additional information. Lawrence Lemke, 323 S. Kinney, would like more information before making a decision.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to dismiss Special Assessment #6-2018.

Moved by Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Joseph to postpone action on Special Assessment District #6-2018 until the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, LaLonde and Lents
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick and Madaj
ABSENT: Commissioner Ling
Motion failed.

The Commission considered the original motion to dismiss.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioners Joseph, LaLonde and Lents
ABSENT: Commissioner Ling
Motion failed.
Moved by Commissioner Joseph and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to postpone action on Special Assessment District #6-2018 until a full commission is present.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, LaLonde, Lents and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Kulick
ABSENT: Commissioner Ling
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Madaj to award the 2018 pavement markings bid to P.K. Contracting of Lake City, Michigan in the amount of $26,389. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to confirm the additional budget amendment of $7,500 for the recreation fund for the purchase of flood damaged supplies. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick announced that there are no burning permits being issued at this time because of the lack of rain.

Commissioner Gillis announced that the Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 7 and that Monday, July 9th was the last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the August Primary. Information on the candidates can be found at www.vote411.org.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Petro Tolas, 306 E. Broadway St., questioned why the Commission gave the City of Escanaba $1,000 to help with their legal fees; why we are doing branding; why do businesses get dismissed before even going to the planning commission; why did the planters get taken out downtown; and suggested Parcel B have restrictions on it for development.

Stuart Black introduced himself as a candidate for Isabella County Probate Judge.

The Commission recessed at 7:29 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:36 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Recreation Authority Discussion

Mayor Lents led a discussion on potential creation of a Recreation Authority.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will take generally agreed upon ideas regarding the creation of a Recreation Authority and talk with potential partners to see what the interest levels are among them.
Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m. without objection.

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Allison Lents, Mayor     Jeremy Howard, City Clerk