

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joslin and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Kilmer, Ling, Palmer and Spycher

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner McGuire (excused)

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager announced the death of Parks, Buildings & Grounds Director Greg Baderschneider and a moment of silence was observed.

Public Input on Agenda

Ron Roby, 201 E. Bennett, commented that commissioners from last five (5) years were not contacted regarding agenda item #11 – “Receive and consider recommendation from Local Officers Compensation Commission on compensation of elected city officials.”

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Third Quarter Investment Report
2. Minutes of Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission (July)
3. Minutes of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission (July)
4. Correspondence from Mr. Chase Johnson
5. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (August)
6. Water Activity Report (September)

Item 15 – “Consider approval of contract agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of the Pedestrian Safety Islands” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed meeting held September 22, 2008.
2. Bid of Milner Fence Company of St. Helen, Michigan in the amount of \$73,310.00 for the construction of a 10-foot fence at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport along Airport Road.
3. Bid of Michigan Cat of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$163,000.00 for a 2008 Caterpillar 938H high lift wheel loader.
4. Bid of Moline Heating & Cooling of Alma, Michigan in the amount of \$22,966.00 for the purchase of a new Motor Pool heating system.
5. Bid of Alta Construction Co. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$19,678 for repairs to structural failure of several roofing joists on the 2 million gallon water reservoir.
6. Resolution approving the request of The Blind Children’s Fund for recognition as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
7. Accept grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Bureau of Aeronautics in the amount of \$100,000 to the City of Mt. Pleasant for installation of a 10-foot fence at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport along Airport Road and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all necessary contracts.
8. Change order in the contract with JBS Contracting, Incorporated in the amount of \$16,283 for the Airport Terminal Building Roof Replacement.
9. Three year renewal of the contract with NGS to serve as third party administrator for the City of Mt. Pleasant Employee Health Care Plan.

10. Payrolls dated 10/03/08 check Nos. 3012-3114 and DD2350-DD2462 and warrants dated 9/25/08, 9/30/08, 10/01/08, and 10/09/08 check numbers 3523-3849, all totaling \$1,618,335.61.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Ling to confirm payment for sewer lead relining with Mr. Rooter Plumbing. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Ling to receive and consider recommendation from Local Officers Compensation Commission on compensation of elected city officials.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Ling to postpone action on the Local Officers Compensation Commission's recommendation on compensation of elected city officials until LOCC gets back to them. Motion unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Spycher read the following recommendations from the Appointments Committee for appointments to Boards and Commissions:

	<u>Term To Expire</u>
<u>Audit Committee</u>	
Jeremy Murphy	06/30/2011
<u>Parks and Recreation Commission</u>	
Anthony Moreno	01/31/2010
<u>Planning Commission</u>	
Erik Robinette	01/31/2009

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to approve the Appointments Committee's recommendations as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Joslin appointed Jeff Gray and Commissioner McGuire to the Housing Commission Refinancing/Renovation Study Committee.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to approve contract agreement with Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of Pedestrian Safety Islands and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Palmer and Spycher
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Ling
ABSENT: Commissioner McGuire
Motion Carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to set public hearing on the Proposed 2009 Operating Budget for November 10, 2008. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c), (e), and (h) of the Open Meetings Act, regarding the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement; to consult with the City's attorney regarding pending litigation; and to receive a legal opinion from our counsel, respectively.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Palmer and Spycher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner McGuire
Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Chris Brennan, 909 Hopkins and Maureen Eke-Sigler, 912 Hopkins, spoke regarding water/sewer issues on Hopkins Street.

Work Session - Taxi Cab Licensing

City Manager Grinzinger gave brief introduction.

Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Mary Ann Kornexl gave presentation on current taxi cab regulations, fees and collections.

Public Safety Director William Yeagley gave presentation on enforcement of taxi cab ordinance.

Discussion ensued. Commissioners gave opinions on the City's regulation of taxi cabs and gave Director Yeagley and Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Kornexl direction to get more detailed information on redoing and updating tax cab ordinance.

The City Commission went into a closed session at 8:15 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:04 p.m.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jon Joslin, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk