

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 27, 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, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Roger Swets

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager announced that City Hall will be closed on November 6 and 7 preparing to move to the new City Hall Building at 320 W. Broadway which is scheduled to be open for business on November 10, 2008.

City Manager introduced Deputy City Clerk Sue Jones. Deputy Clerk Jones gave presentation of "Information for Citizens Regarding the General Election".

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Capital Projects Status Report (October)
2. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (September)
3. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (September)
4. Minutes of the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission (August, September)
5. Wastewater Activity Report (September)

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed meeting held October 13, 2008.
2. Storm sewer replacement as part of the Broadway Streetscape Improvements.
3. Convey support to the LCC for the application of Las Acquisition Company, Inc. (an Indiana Corporation) to transfer ownership of a 2008 Class C Licensed Business, with an entertainment permit, located at 1516 S. Mission.
4. Extend time period on Brownfield site #2-1300 N. Fancher.
5. Payrolls dated 10/14/08, 10/17/08 and 10/24/08 check Nos. 3119-3260 and DD2463-DD2606 and warrants dated 10/16/08 and 10/23/08 check numbers 3523-3849, all totaling \$1,280,276.20.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to amend Section 154.168(D)(3) "Planning Commission" of Chapter 154: Zoning Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant. There being no public comment or correspondence the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner McGuire that Ordinance No. 944 having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jack White

Term To Expire

January 31, 2011

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

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to adopt the resolution in support of the LOCC recommendation for compensation for elected officials as follows:

WHEREAS, The Local Officers Compensation Commission was created with the approval of a Charter amendment by the Mt. Pleasant electorate on November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The role of the LOCC is to recommend to the City Commission the salary of each elected City Official, said recommendation to be approved or rejected by resolution of the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, As required, LOCC members Todd Olivieri, Wayne Heminger, Mike Ross, Mike Pittsley, Andrew Devenney, Tim Coscarelly and Thompson Moffit have met to review and discuss compensation; and

WHEREAS, At its meeting of October 17, 2008, by majority vote the LOCC recommended that no change be made to the current compensation of \$1,250 for the Mayor and \$1,000 for the remaining Commissioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby accepts the recommendation of the LOCC and approves the following annual compensation schedule effective January 1, 2009, said salary to be paid in addition to expense allowance or reimbursement paid to elected officials for expenses incurred in the course of City business and accounted for to the City Commission or its designee:

Mayor	\$1,250
Vice Mayor and City Commissioners	\$1,000

AYES: Commissioners Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin

ABSENT: None

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the City's attorney regarding pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling announced that voter information is available online at www.Michigan.gov/vote as well as on the Morning Sun's web site and other online addresses.

Vice Mayor Holton inquired as to when the sewer repair work on Broadway will be done. Community Services and Economic Development Director Morrison indicated that the sewer repair work on Broadway may take place some time this week. Notice will be given of the street closing. Commissioner McGuire voiced his concern that traffic be allowed to get through.

The Commission entered a work session at 7:26 p.m.

Proposed 2009 Operating Budget

City Manager Grinzinger and Finance Director/ Assistant City Manager Ridley gave presentation on the proposed 2009 operating budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mission Street Zoning Update

Planning & Community Development Director Gray gave update on study and future direction.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 8:25 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:34 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:08 p.m.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jon Joslin, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk