

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin (excused)

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton presented a \$500 Neighborhood Mini Grant to Jack Anson, President and Clara Hoffman, Treasurer of New Harmony Association.

Additions to Agenda

City Manager added item 10a. "Set Public Hearing on proposed text amendment to Ordinance 96.05, Noxious Weeds; Removal" for Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Tom Moffit, 1101 Watson Rd., SWAN neighborhood, spoke supporting trimming deer herd and increasing number of deer to be taken.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (March)
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (February)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (March)
4. Correspondence from Isabella Community Soup Kitchen
5. Correspondence from Max and Patty Strong
6. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (March)
7. Wastewater Activity Report (March)

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 13, 2009.
2. Bid of StageRight Corporation of Clare, Michigan in the amount of \$18,005 for all terrain staging equipment.
3. Amendment to AT&T Tower Lease Agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign same.
7. Payrolls dated 4/17/09 and warrants dated 4/16/09 and 4/23/09 all totaling \$735,130.11.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed text changes to City Ordinance §96.05, "Noxious Weeds; Removal". There being no public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann that a third public hearing on proposed text changes to City Ordinance §96.05, "Noxious Weeds; Removal" be set for Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer to appoint Nancy English to the Planning Commission with term to expire January 31, 2012. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the following resolution authorizing application for Select Level status in the Michigan Main Street program.

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Housing Development Authority will be selecting Michigan downtowns and communities to be designated with Select Status in the Michigan Main Street Program in June 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Board desires to submit a proposal targeting its historic Downtown district in an effort to move aggressively to re-energize the Downtown; and

WHEREAS, Such a designation would bring significant levels of professional and technical expertise over five years to assist Mt. Pleasant's downtown revitalization initiatives through the National Main Street Center and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, This effort will be supported by program partners including the Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Board, the City of Mt. Pleasant, the Downtown Business Association, the Downtown Coordinating Committee, the Downtown Property Owners Association, the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, The City Commission has established the revitalization of Downtown as priority in its adopted Master Plan in recognition of the importance of the Downtown in creating a vibrant community and strengthening the City's economic outlook;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Commission urges the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to support Mt. Pleasant's quest for Select Status in the Michigan Main Street Program in 2009; and

FURTHER, The City Commission commits to existing staff and budget monies support as necessary to assist the Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Board with program implementation and committee participation; and

FURTHER, The City Commission authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related application materials, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to adopt the following Resolution regarding budget amendment for Mini-Stimulus:

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10, authorizes the City Commission to amend the annual operating budget by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the 2009 operating budget was originally adopted by resolution on December 8, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined an interest in completing a local "mini-stimulus" program during 2009 to assist the economy,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment be implemented immediately:

Utilizing \$500,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance and \$100,000 originally budgeted in General Fund New Sidewalks, transfer the following amounts to the following funds for the stated projects:

Amount	Fund	Project Description
\$250,000	Major Street Fund	Mosher street project to include a roundabout at Main/Mosher, increased parking in the North right-of-way of Mosher between Main and Court, and a mini-circle at Mosher and Fancher
\$60,000	Local Street Fund	Increased parking along Lincoln Street between Court and Main
\$140,000	General Fund	Sidewalk Replacements - An additional amount for sidewalk replacements throughout the City (<u>note that this amount is in addition to the \$100,000 originally budgeted for sidewalk replacements</u>).
\$100,000	Local Street Fund	Additional mill and overlay projects.
\$50,000	Major Street Fund	To fund the planning and design of enhancements/changes to Main Street between Broadway and Bellows to increase the attractiveness of the connection between the university and downtown. Please note that the actual implementation may span multiple years but this design funding in 2009 will allow for a major impact in 2010 to this corridor. The design will include planning meetings with CMU and affected residents along the corridor and will therefore take the fall to accomplish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Staff will begin the design and bidding for these projects and each project will follow the standard design and bidding process with the City Commission having final approval of the bids received.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to amend the Local Preference portion of the City Purchasing Policy such that the limit of \$1,500 be removed and that the location of the business be expanded to include all of Isabella County. The differential allowed for businesses located within the Mt. Pleasant City limits is 5% and the differential allowed for businesses located in Isabella County limits is 3%. These changes apply to the five "mini-stimulus" projects only. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on contract with National Wildlife for deer harvest in the Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN) until the Commission can conduct a work session to get more information.

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

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Ling to set a special meeting date with Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Mission-Pickard Downtown Development Authority for Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to enter into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for a discussion of strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement; and of subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with City Attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling commented that the annual report was done very well and asked if it could be made available to the public. City Manager Grinzinger responded that it would be.

Commissioner McGuire thanked Keisha and Damon Brown for bringing Good Morning America to Mt. Pleasant.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Tim Brockman, 1117 Windrow Way, spoke in support of One-Day Liquor License.

Keith Voeks, Assistant Director, University Events at Central Michigan University clarified CMU's policy on liquor at events.

Work Session – One Day Liquor License

City Manager Grinzinger gave an introduction. Public Safety Director Yeagley and Downtown Development Director Sponseller gave presentation on One Day Liquor License policy.

Discussion ensued. City staff will bring a policy for approval at the May 11, 2009 City Commission meeting.

The City Commission recessed at 9:15

The City Commission entered into closed session at 9:22 p.m. and went back into open session at 10:17 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk