

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:08 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 Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read proclamation in honor of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club's 70th Anniversary.

Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner LLC gave a presentation of 2008 Audit Report.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes
2. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (April)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (April)
4. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (April)
5. Correspondence from Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium
6. Water Activity Report (May)
7. Wastewater Activity Report (April)

Commissioners asked for update at next meeting on Housing Commission Refinance Committee and questioned overtime increases in the water fund.

Item #13 "Bids and quotations" was removed from the consent calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 26, 2009.
2. Requests for Sidewalk Licenses of Mole Hole, Curtiss Hardware and Basketree.
3. Correct the allocation of the millage as outlined in the 2009 operating budget approved by the City Commission on December 8, 2008 so that the 2009 Police and Fire Pension millage equals .912 and the operating millage equals 12.003.
4. Payrolls dated 5/29/09 and warrants dated 6/04/09 all totaling \$544,528.82.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request to create an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District for 1200 N. Fancher. There being no public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the creation of an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District for 1200 N. Fancher and approve the following resolution in support thereof.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, this City Commission has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" within the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, Wally Link has petitioned this City Commission to establish an Industrial Development District on its property located in the City of Mt. Pleasant hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, construction, acquisitions, alterations, or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Morning Sun and/or public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 8, 2009 at which all of the owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Mt. Pleasant were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the public interest of the City of Mt. Pleasant to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County and State of Michigan, to wit:

Parcel No. 17-000-06407-00
FORDYCE ADDITION LOTS 7 AND 10 BLOCK 1

be and hereby is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provision of Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 to be known as Industrial Development District No. 4 (1200 N. Fancher).

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin
ABSENT: None
Resolution adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan. There being no public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan including recommended changes for mini-stimulus projects - downtown paving, parking study, Michigan and Fancher reconstruction as well as moving the Fancher Street Sewer Reconstruction Project to 2011.

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

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve a contract with CONTECH Bridge Company of Alexandria, Minnesota to engineer, manufacture, and deliver the unique bridge to be placed over the Chippewa River in the amount of \$153,900 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.

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

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the purchase of a Star Shade canopy for installation at the spray park site through Miracle of Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to enter into an agreement with Team Elmer of Traverse City, Michigan for construction management services for specific aspects of the Access Adventure Trail and bridge projects in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Palmer
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to award bid for the 2009 Sidewalk Replacement Project to HS&S Excavating of Ashley, Michigan in the amount of \$178,000.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the resolution transferring funds from Economic Development Investment Fund to the Brownfield/EDC and keep City Commission advised on use of funds.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant (the "City") has established the Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority of the City of Mt. Pleasant (the "BRA") pursuant to 1996 PA 381, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Act 381 allows the BRA to provide incentives for redeveloping contaminated or blighted sites in the City by paying costs including those for site preparation, demolition, infrastructure improvements, lead and asbestos abatement, and costs to address environmental contamination, and

WHEREAS, the BRA wishes, either itself or in cooperation with the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Mt. Pleasant (the "EDC"), to advance such costs on projects it finds to be both eligible and meritorious of such support to be repaid in whole or in part from tax increment revenues generated from the redevelopment of the site, but currently lacks the funds on hand to advance such costs; and

WHEREAS, Act 381 authorizes the transfer of City funds to the BRA; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined to transfer funds from the City's Economic Development Fund to the BRA to use for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City shall transfer to the BRA from the City's Economic Development Fund the amount of \$300,000 for the BRA to use either itself or in cooperation with the EDC to provide such incentives for the redevelopment of contaminated or blighted sites in the City as may be within the respective powers of the BRA and the EDC.

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann:

WHEREAS, application has been made by CME Corporation, 2945 Three Leaves Drive, located in University Park, to the City of Mt. Pleasant, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Act 198 of 1974,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at City Hall, for the City of Mt. Pleasant in the City Commission Room at 7:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of June, 2009.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton recused himself from consideration of conditional rezoning matter (due to conflict of interest) and handed control over to Vice Mayor Kilmer.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to set a public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for the consideration of conditionally rezoning a

portion of the property located at 560-616 W. Pickard from I-1 to C-3, with self-imposed conditions.

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

Mayor Holton resumed control of the meeting.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve request for participation in Owner Occupied Housing Incentive program for property outside of the target area located at 406 E. May Street.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Joslin to set a commercial license fee for river access in public parks as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 97.04 of the City Code authorizes the City Commission to establish by resolution fees and charges for recreation and parks services and facilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends that the following fees and charges become effective beginning June 1, 2009, and

	Unit	Rental Fee
River Access Fee		
Single Access Location	Yearly	\$300.00
Multiple Access Locations	Yearly	Not to exceed \$800.00

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Palmer
ABSENT: None
Resolution adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with City Attorney regarding pending litigation.

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann announced White Bison Journey for Forgiveness Walk on Wednesday, June 17th as well as Isabella County Council of Governments meeting on June 17th at Wise Township.

Commissioner Joslin announced many upcoming events including 1) Max and Emily's concert on Thursday, June 11; 2) Le Tour De Mont Pleasant, June 12, 13 and 14; and 3) the Chairfair going on all month. He also congratulated the Festival of Banners' providers and installers and Public Safety Director Yeagley on his running for CMU Chief of Police position. Commissioner Joslin also announced that City representatives will be going to the Main Street Program on Wednesday, June 10.

Mayor Holton wished Commissioner Ling a happy birthday and asked if the flashing lights at Ganiard Schools can be checked out.

The Commission recessed at 9:07 p.m. and went back into session at 9:15 p.m.

Work Session – MDOT updates

Community Services Director Rich Morrison and Public Works Director Duane Ellis gave a presentation on progress and updates on discussions with MDOT in regard to Mission Street.

Work Session – Revenue Estimating Conference

Assistant City Manager/Administrative and Financial Services Director Nancy Ridley gave a presentation on revenue estimating.

The City Commission entered into closed session at 10:18 p.m. and went back into open session at 11:00 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk