

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7:01 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; Commissioners Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Kilmer (excused) and Commissioner Palmer (excused)

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read and presented a proclamation of appreciation to William Yeagley for his service to the City.

Mayor Holton read and presented a proclamation to the Heart of Michigan Clowns in support of International Clown Week August 1 - 7, 2009.

Additions to Agenda

Item #13 "Consider closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a legal opinion from legal counsel" was removed from the agenda.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Capital Projects Status Report (June)
2. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (May)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (June)
4. Second Quarter Investment Report
5. Wastewater Activity Report (June)

Item #7 "Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held July 13, 2009" was removed from the consent calendar.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Bid for 2009 Water Plant (bulk) chemicals as follows:
Sodium Hydroxide. . . . Alexander Chemical Corp., of Chicago, IL. . . . \$310/dry ton with the additional ability to buy from any bidders at a cost not to exceed \$1185 per dry ton.
2. Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau for the completion of an environmental assessment at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport in the amount of \$75,000 and authorize the local share of \$1,875, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute any necessary grant agreements.
3. Payrolls dated 7/17/09 and 7/24/09 and warrants dated 7/23/09 all totaling \$823,513.13.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to amend the Minutes of the July 13, 2009 City Commission meeting to reflect that the Mayor abstained from voting on the request to conditionally rezone a portion of 560-616 W. Pickard Street and the request to transfer liquor license from 711 W. Pickard Street to 614 W. Pickard Street and request for a new entertainment permit. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton read and presented a resolution to Sam, Jesse and Shaina Baderschneider officially naming the City Park Riverwalk Trail System the "Gregory K. Baderschneider Riverwalk Trail".

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to adopt the following resolution officially naming the City Park Riverwalk Trail System the "Gregory K. Baderschneider Riverwalk Trail" aka GKB Riverwalk Trail.

WHEREAS, Gregory K. Baderschneider served as the Director of Parks for the City of Mt. Pleasant from January 1990 to October 2008; and

WHEREAS, Greg received his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in Parks Administration; and

WHEREAS, Greg committed his life's work of nearly 30 years to park development, working for Isabella County Parks for 11 years and Mt. Pleasant City Parks for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Greg's vision of connecting the community, the Chippewa River and public Parks became the River Walk Trail which will forever remain a testament to his love for community parks and the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, It is clearly recognized, due to public use and comment, that the City Parks trails have been a substantial quality of life addition to the Mt. Pleasant Parks system and to the residents of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, recognize in memory and in tribute of Greg Baderschneider's dedication to municipal park development and to the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

FURTHER, Officially name the City Park River Walk Trail System *The Gregory K. Baderschneider Riverwalk Trail*, which will be henceforth known as the *GKB Riverwalk Trail*.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Joslin to receive recommendation from Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission and set public hearing for August 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 154: Zoning Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to add a new Section: §154.068 "Mission Redevelopment Overlay Zone". Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve amending the 2009 Operating Budget by transferring \$35,000 from the University Park TIFA fund balance for University Park Pathway Construction. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann commended the downtown staff for the Street/Blues Festival; she also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their help with the old time dance and ice cream social and announced annual Council of Governments picnic at Denver Township on August 19th.

Commissioner Ling commended downtown for Street/Blues Festival and asked for a report on how the beer tent went.

Commissioner Joslin thanked Rick Swindlehurst for his organization of the beer tent and thanked Michelle Sponseller and Minard Shattuck for their work on the festival.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jigs the Clown thanked the Commission for honoring the clowns and presentation of the proclamation.

John Emerick, 105 Walnut St. spoke on concerns with drug issues in the City, as well as concerns with the high-rise at 1 Mosher. He also handed out information on ending water fluoridation.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk