

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 22, 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, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Kilmer (excused)

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

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager Grinzinger introduced Julie Swidwinski as the new Community Information Coordinator.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Capital Projects Status Report (May)
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (May)
3. Joint Meeting of the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission, City Commission, Mission-Pickard DDA and the Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as prepared by the Planning Commission (May)
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes (May)
5. Correspondence from Rosewood IV, New Harmony leaders.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin 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 June 8, 2009 and the closed session held June 8, 2009.
2. Bid of Fisher Transportation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$18,000.00 for disposal of street cleanings for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2009.
3. Bid of Neenah Foundry Company of Neenah, Wisconsin in the amount of \$13,200.00 for the purchase of 60 sets of manhole castings and lids for the 2009 construction season.
4. Bid of Kennedy Industries of Milford, Michigan in the amount of \$21,825 for the purchase of a new Allis Chalmers Model 300 Pump and matching Motor.
5. Five-year contract (2010-2015) with Michigan Department of Transportation for the maintenance of State trunklines located within the City and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.
6. Payrolls dated 6/12/09 and warrants dated 6/8/09,6/9/09,6/11/09 and 6/18/09 all totaling \$1,202,435.96.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Planning and Community Development Director Jeff Gray and Department of Public Works Director Duane Ellis presented information on the proposed rezoning of a portion of Chipp-A-Waters Park and the construction of a cell tower.

A public hearing was held on proposed rezoning of a portion of Chipp-A-Waters Park. The following individuals spoke in opposition to placement of the cell tower in Chipp-A-Waters Park: Bob Roberts – Chair of the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission; Rachel Sherwood, 1308 Elm St.; Mary D. Duckworth, 1304 South Dr.; Jennifer Huber, 1006 N. Cooley; Laura Orta, 1423 Ridge Rd.; Donna Pettigrew, 1015 Fairfield and Jodi Sherwood, 1308 Elm St.

Jean Holland, 4353 W. Beal City Rd, spoke in opposition to placement of the cell tower in Chipp-A-Waters Park and presented petition in opposition that included 12 signatures. There being no other public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on the proposed rezoning until July 13, 2009 to get further information from staff on issues regarding tower market and tower demand, safety, conditional rezoning, possible earmarks of revenue, and alternate sites. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request from CME LLC for a new Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate. Mitsuba (CME) officials, David M. Stevens and Mike Goin gave information about CMD and spoke in support of certificate. Mitsuba's KC Kumler showed examples of products manufactured by Mitsuba (CME). MMDC President George Dunn spoke in support of issuance of the certificate.

There being no additional public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer to approve the following Resolution Approving Application of CME Corporation For Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For A New Facility.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on June 3, 1985 the City Commission by resolution established Industrial Development District - University Park; and

WHEREAS, CME Corporation has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new machinery to be acquired and installed within the Industrial Development - University Park; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Commission held a hearing on June 22, 2009, at the City Commission Room, in City Hall, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and

WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before June 22, 2009, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, completion of the facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad Valorem taxes within the City of Mt. Pleasant, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant that:

1. The City Commission finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Mt. Pleasant, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad Valorem property taxes in the City of Mt. Pleasant.
2. The application from CME Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to a New Facility on the following described parcel of real property situated within the Industrial Development District - University Park, to wit:

PART OF SE ¼ SEC 27, T14N, R4W, COM AT SE COR SEC 27, TH S 88D58M47S W 85 FT, TH N 50 FT TO POB, TH W 114.50 FT, TH S 17 FT, TH W 1252.65 FT, TH N 500 FT, TH N 10D03M00S W 284.58 FT TH N 52D36M 55S E 595.21 FT, TH S 64D00M43S E 1071.35 FT, TH S 03D14M00S W 282 FT TH S 316.22 FT TO POB, EXC LOT 13 OF MEADS LITTLE ACRES SUBD NO. 1.

be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of 6 years.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Palmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve amendment of contract with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Chippewa River District Library, and Isabella Gratiot Regional Education Service District for summer tax collection and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute final documents as approved by the City Attorney.

AYES: Commissioners Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioner Kilmer (excused)

Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the request by Max & Emily's for a Sidewalk License. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann thanked the Commission and community for support of White Bison Wellbriety Journey for Forgiveness. She also encouraged checking out the Sesquicentennial Dance Extravaganza events.

Commissioner Joslin reminded the public that Summerfest is this week – June 24 – 28.

City Clerk Howard announced availability of City Commission Nomination Packets in Clerk's Office – packets can be filed anytime after Monday, July 6 through 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4.

Commissioner McGuire thanked everyone involved in Le Tour De Mont Pleasant.

Mayor Holton also thanked everyone involved in Le Tour De Mont Pleasant and complimented how well it went.

The Commission recessed at 8:51 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:56 p.m.

Work Session – Deer Harvest

Public Safety Director Yeagley gave an introduction to the information that was going to be discussed and introduced Tim Wilson, USDA, Wildlife Services who gave the presentation on Deer Harvest issues. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk