

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 9, 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 Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, Deputy City Clerk Ridley and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read proclamation for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Peacekeeping Awards.

Building Official Brian Kench, Downtown Development Director Michelle Sponseller and Recreation Coordinator Carol Moody presented Community Services and Economic Development Annual Report.

Public Safety Director William Yeagley introduced new Mt. Pleasant Police Department Captain Anthony Gomez-Mesquita.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (January)
2. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (January)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (January)
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Work Session Minutes (January)
5. Isabella County Cultural Recreation Commission Minutes (January)
6. Building Safety and Code Enforcement annual report
7. Downtown Development annual report
8. Department of Public Safety annual report
9. Parks and Recreation annual report
10. Street Activity Report (January)
11. Water Activity Report (February)
12. City requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 23, 2009 and the special meeting held March 2, 2009.
2. Set special meeting for Joint Session with City Commission and Planning Commission for March 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to review 2008-2009 goals.
3. WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 4 "Municipal Utilities", of the Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant, requires that all unpaid utility services be reported by the City Manager to the City Commission, and
WHEREAS, the City Commission shall order publication of a notice of unpaid utility charges,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission orders that public notice be given that all unpaid utility charges not paid by April 15, 2009, will be assessed upon city tax rolls against the property to which the utility services have been supplied or furnished.
4. Payrolls dated 3/6/09 nos. 4112-4156 and 4161 and DD3998-DD4153 and warrants dated 3/5/09, check numbers 5496-5655, all totaling \$998,488.53.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the recommendations of the Appointments Committee to the Cart/LDFA Board as follows:

	<u>Term To Expire</u>
<u>Cart/LDFA Board</u>	
Tim Dolehanty (County representative) 200 N. Main St.	January 31, 2011
Joe Pius (Mt. Pleasant Schools representative) 720 N. Kinney St.	January 31, 2013
David Burdette (CMU representative) Warriner Hall 104, CMU	January 31, 2015
Kathie Grinzinger, City Manager 320 W. Broadway	January 31, 2011
Rick Barz (Park Business) 200 E. Broadway	January 31, 2015
Tim Brockman (At-Large) 1117 Wendrow Way	January 31, 2013
David Arnold (At-Large) 1313 E. Bennett St.	January 31, 2015
Motion unanimously adopted.	

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the recommendations of the Appointments Committee to the TIFA/DDA Board as follows:

<u>TIFA/DDA Board</u>	
Kathie Grinzinger, City Manager	January 31, 2013
 <u>Mission/Pickard Street</u>	
Tom Krapohl, 1415 E. Pickard St.	January 31, 2015
Tim Coscarelly, 1210 Wendrow Way	January 31, 2013
Joe Pius, 720 N. Kinney	January 31, 2011
Richard McGuirk, 770 Stoneridge Dr.	January 31, 2011
John Hunter, 1526 Canterbury Trl.	January 31, 2013
Steve Silverberg, 1105 Wendrow Way	January 31, 2015
 <u>Downtown</u>	
Jeff Smith, 510 E. Andre	January 31, 2015
Doug Ouellette, 3071 Brittany Dr.	January 31, 2013
Tim Dolehanty, 200 N. Main St.	January 31, 2011
 Richard (Richie) Swindlehurst (Downtown Resident) 110 W. Michigan St.	 January 31, 2011

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to amend the motion approving the recommendations of the Appointments Committee to the TIFA/DDA Board by removing Rick McGuirk.

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

Original Motion by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the recommendations of the Appointments Committee to the TIFA/DDA Board.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the expenditure of no more than \$1000 to study the feasibility of rehabilitating and the possibility of reinforcing the existing Oak Street bridge to a rating sufficient to carry passenger vehicles on a limited basis but without affecting the historical significance of the bridge.

If the study assumes rehabilitation is a feasible option and that the bridge can be strengthened to handle limited vehicles without affecting the historical value of the bridge that an additional expenditure not to exceed \$4000 be authorized to prepare specifications for bidding the project.

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 for the adoption of the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LOAN TO THE CITY OF
MT. PLEASANT TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant (the "City") has established the City of Mt. Pleasant Tax Increment Financing Authority (the "TIFA") pursuant to Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1981, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the TIFA intends to acquire property located at 315 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, owners of the Property have offered to sell the Property to the TIFA for a purchase price of \$148,000, together with closing costs in the amount of \$10,183.75, for a total cost of \$158,183.75 (the total cost referred to as the "Purchase Price"); and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined to loan sufficient funds to the TIFA to enable it to purchase the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The City shall loan a sum equal to the Purchase Price to the TIFA to be used by the TIFA to purchase the Property. Upon any sale of the Property by the TIFA, the TIFA shall repay the City the amount of funds that was originally transferred to the TIFA by the City, without interest. The TIFA will approve the loan and the purchase of the property by a resolution, which it anticipates being adopted on March 11, 2009 (the "Resolution"). The provisions of the Resolution shall constitute a contract between the TIFA and the City, and after the City provides the funds to purchase the Property, no change, variation or alteration of the provisions of the Resolution may be made which would alter the obligations of the TIFA to the City, without the approval of the City. The provisions of the Resolution shall be enforceable by appropriate proceedings taken by the City either at law or in equity.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Ling

ABSENT: None

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve change of scope in street overlay program for 2009. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling 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.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Andrew Thibodeau, 1208 Harold Street spoke on energy conservation and use of solar energy.

Attorney Scott Smith introduced attorney Ken Lane from his firm.

Work Session - Spray Pad

Presentation by City Assessor David Rowley on impacts of Proposal A on property values.

Recreation and Sports Director Chris Bundy presented updated information on water playground options. General agreement was to locate the playground at Island Park West location.

The City Commission went into a closed session at 9:18 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:33 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the collective bargaining agreement with Fire Fighters Association of Michigan to expire December 31, 2013 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign same.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Holton

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann that the meeting adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor

Nancy Ridley, Deputy City Clerk