

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 23, 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, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Commissioner Ling gave a report on progress with Fluoride Task Force and will give a further update in the spring after they have been able to have further meetings.

Commissioner McGuire gave a report on the Housing Commission Subcommittee's investigation into the current condition and status of the Riverview Apartment Building and the availability of MSHDA preservation funds. He reported that the subcommittee feels the current capital programs the Housing Commission has access to are adequate and the MSHDA fund should not be pursued at this point. He asked that a letter be sent to the Housing Commission from the City Commission encouraging them to continue funding low income housing.

Public Works Director Duane Ellis and Assistant Engineer Gary Schwerin gave a presentation on proposed reconstruction of Michigan Street. Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Nadine's Beauty Salon, 701 Michigan Street, spoke of need in keeping the same amount of parking spots that he currently has and he doesn't want to lose his drive access.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Capital Projects Status Report (November).
2. Letter of appreciation from Central Michigan University President Kathleen Wilbur.
3. Memo from Public Safety Director Anthony Gomez regarding gasoline price fixing.
4. Street/Motor Pool Activity Report (September).
5. Wastewater Activity Report (October).

Removed item 9 "Bids and Quotations: b. North-End Signature Signage" from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held November 9, 2009.
2. Bid for 2009/2010 Airport Snow Removal was awarded to Mt. Pleasant Excavating, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan as follows:

Truck and Operator	\$57.00/hr.
Loader and Operator	\$72.00/hr.
Backhoe and Operator	\$67.00/hr.
3. Bid of Michigan Cat of Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of \$14,800 for the purchase of a 10' Reversible Snow Plow for 938H Caterpillar Loader.
4. WHEREAS, under the date of August 31, 2009, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 9-09 (install four "No Parking" signs and one "No Parking Here to Corner" on the west side of Highland Street from Stockman to Crescent Street). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on November 23, 2009, for

review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 9-09 a permanent traffic control order.

5. Payrolls dated 11/13/09 and warrants dated 11/11/09, 11/13/09 and 11/19/09 all totaling \$987,041.69.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the bid of Signfab of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$12,333 for the North-End Signature Signage Project. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to postpone action on the bid for North-End Signature Signage until staff feels it is appropriate to bring it back with more information to the Commission.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Palmer

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) and 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act for a discussion of strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, and to discuss the possible purchase or lease of real property.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kilmer, Ling, and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Joslin, McGuire and Palmer

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin announced that Mr. Fisher sent him a letter with concerns about no parking signs on Highland Street. Commissioner Joslin will get the letter to staff and Commission.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mike Trebesh, 4553 South U.S. 27, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, spoke about his views and qualifications for running for the 33rd District of the Michigan Senate.

Work Session – 2010 Proposed Operating Budget, including follow-up on Citizen Engagement Proposal.

Julie Swidwinski presented options that the City could use for Citizen Engagement. Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 8:36 p.m. and entered into closed session at 8:41 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Staff Recommendations and Reports

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve a contract with the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Contract and the required MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Palmer

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Additional Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling requested that pending litigation closed session be put on the next agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Ling that the meeting adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk