

Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:32 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Holton called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Palmer

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann (excused)

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

Work Session – Proposed 2010 Budget

Community Information Coordinator Julie Swidwinski who gave a presentation on Civic Engagement possibilities related to the 2010 budget. Discussion ensued.

Finance Director Nancy Ridley gave a brief presentation on 2010 budget and asked what direction the Commission would like to go. Discussion ensued.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 26, 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 and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Palmer

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann (excused)

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

Additions to Agenda

Item No. 13 “2010 Budget Discussion” was added to the agenda.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Don Tyler, 210 W. High St., spoke on concerns with high gas prices in Mt. Pleasant.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Correspondence from Tom Moffitt, President of the Southwest Association of Neighbors.
2. Request from Don Tyler.
3. Third Quarter Investment Report.
4. Wastewater Activity Report (September)

Commissioner Joslin requested that staff contact Prosecutor Burdick about his research/decision into gas price fixing and report to the City Commission.

Removed item 7b “Airport Snow Removal” from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the work session and regular meeting held October 12, 2009.
2. Extension of listing agreement with Broadway Realty for the marketing and sale of property in Eastpointe IV Subdivision through December 31, 2010 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one-year listing agreement with Broadway Realty.
3. Payrolls dated 10/16/09 and warrants dated 10/14/09, 10/15/09 and 10/22/09 all totaling \$1,050,021.27.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request from Prism Analytical Technologies, Inc. for a new Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for personal property.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve the following Resolution Approving Application of Prism Analytical Technologies, Inc. For Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate For Personal Property in the amount of \$133,882.

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 of the City of Mount Pleasant by resolution established University Park as a technology park district; and

WHEREAS, Prism Analytical Technologies, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a new facility to be acquired and installed within the University Park; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant held a hearing on October 26, 2009, at Mount Pleasant City Hall, at 7:00 pm, 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, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six (6) months before September 29, 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 Mount Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad Valorem taxes within the City of Mount 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 Mount 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 Mount Pleasant, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad Valorem property taxes in the City of Mount Pleasant
2. The application from Prism Analytical Technologies, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, with respect to a New Facility of Personal Property on the following described parcel of real property situated within University Park , to wit:

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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 six (6) years.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the bid of John Bailey & Associates, Inc. (JB&A) of Lansing, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$19,000 for 2010 Census campaign consultation services and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Palmer

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve the extension of the contract with Mt. Pleasant Excavating Services of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for 2009-2010 Airport snow plowing contract at the following rate:

Truck and operator	\$60.00 per hr.
Loader and operator	\$75.00 per hr.
Grader and operator	\$70.00 per hr.
Backhoe and operator	\$70.00 per hr.

AYES: Commissioners Kilmer, Ling and McGuire

NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Joslin and Palmer

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve the transfer of .23 acres of land to the City of Mt. Pleasant in exchange for a transfer of 0.7346 acres of land to Sacred Heart and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary deeds. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to postpone action until the next meeting on consideration of alternate design for water feature at Borden retention pond.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to accept \$100 donation and open up neighborhood mini grant to any neighborhood group who would like to apply for a mini grant or any other citizen or group who would like to donate toward cost of deer harvest services in SWAN neighborhood.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Ling

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Commission continued discussion of 2010 budget and City Commission asked that a special work session be scheduled prior to the next meeting.

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Mayor Holton reminded the public to get out and vote on November 3rd.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk