

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 12, 2010 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 English, Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton presented a proclamation in support of Celebration of the Arts Week, "July 18-25, 2010" to Barbara Taylor, representative of ArtReach of Mid-Michigan.

Isabella County Road Commission Manager Tony Casali gave a presentation on the 2010 Isabella County Road Millage. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Nancy Ridley gave a brief presentation on options the City has if the 2010 Isabella County Road Millage passes.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (June)
2. Mt. Pleasant Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (May)

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

1. Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held June 21, 2010.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session of the City Commission held June 28, 2010.
3. Bid of Fisher Transportation Co. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$19,750.00 for the disposal of street cleanings for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.
4. Payrolls dated 7/02/10 and 7/09/10 and warrants dated 7/08/10 all totaling \$1,465,241.59.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held for the review of special assessment roll for a single-lot special assessment district consisting solely of the lot located at 304 East Gaylord Street/1001 South Franklin Street for Special Assessment District 1-10. There being no comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following Special Assessment District 1-10 Resolution No. 5:

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2010, the City Commission, after providing proper notice, met and reviewed the special assessment roll to defray Special Assessment District No. 1-10 share of the cost of certain public expenditures, described as: the demolition and removal of the unsafe structure located at 304 East Gaylord Street/1001 South Franklin Street that had fallen off a hauler trailer on to the public right-of-way constituting a necessary public improvement to abate a public nuisance;

AND, WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested in Special Assessment District No. 1-10 and reviewing the special assessment roll, the Commission deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that the assessment contained thereon is in accordance with the benefits to be derived by the parcel of land assessed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor, in the amount of \$15,070, is confirmed.

2. Said special assessment roll shall be due and payable as one installment on August 1, 2010 and if not paid will be included on the December 2010 tax roll creating a lien on the property located at 304 East Gaylord Street/1001 South Franklin Street .

3. Interest shall be charged on the unpaid balance of said special assessment roll at the rate of five percent (5%), commencing September 1, 2010.

4. The City Clerk is directed to attach his warrant to a certified copy of this resolution within ten (10) days after its adoption requesting the Assessor to spread and the Treasurer to collect the sums and amounts as directed by the Commission.

5. The City Clerk is directed to endorse the date of confirmation on the roll.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner McGuire to authorize payment to Peerless-Midwest of the additional \$10,461.55 expenditure for emergency repair of High Service Pump 3. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve the following Resolution Opposing the Transfer of Funds to the Strategic Loan Fund.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant received a \$225,000 Community Development Block Grant in 1987 to assist in economic development and job growth in the Mt. Pleasant community; and

WHEREAS, the City used the proceeds of that grant to loan to Independent Papercraft, Incorporated, who established its business in the North Industrial Park; created new jobs as promised and eventually repaid the loan; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with Middle Michigan Development Corporation, created a citizen-staffed local Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Board, that successfully used the proceeds of the original loan for several years to grant several other loans to local companies who have added tax base and jobs to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant has a proven record of accomplishment and has reinvested the CDGB funds as they were originally intended to be used to create an ongoing benefit for residents and an improved community; and

WHEREAS, changes in Michigan Strategic Fund guidelines in the mid-2000's have made it much more difficult to find start-up, expanding or transferring businesses that have any interest in the Revolving Loan Fund, and

WHEREAS, despite the problems created by the new guidelines, the City has still had enough success in utilizing the Revolving Loan fund to increase the original grant funds by \$288,000,

WHEREAS, over \$98,000 is currently on loan in the hands of several downtown entrepreneurs and one resident business of the South Industrial Park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mt. Pleasant opposes the Michigan Strategic Fund's plan to dismantle Mt. Pleasant's local revolving loan fund have all local funds, including program income, remanded to MSF control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Mt. Pleasant urges the MSF and other state officials to distinguish among active and inactive local revolving loan fund programs and allow those active local revolving loan programs, including the Mt. Pleasant program, to continue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Mt. Pleasant urges the MSF and other state officials to make critical programmatic changes so that such local revolving loan funds can better be used to further economic development in current economic conditions by supporting entrepreneurs and start-up companies; and

FINALLY, that City of Mt. Pleasant requests a face-to-face meeting with MSF officials to review the changes needed to make local revolving loan funds more successful and to discuss the preservation of Mt. Pleasant's own local revolving loan fund.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the extension of lease agreement until December 31, 2010 with the State of Michigan to assume responsibility for the utility lines at the Mt. Pleasant Center property and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the Request from the Downtown Coordinating Committee for two One-Day Liquor Licenses (July 23 and July 24, 2010). Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the possible purchase or lease of real property.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with City Attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

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

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin invites the public to come and check out the Mt. Pleasant Street Festival July 22-24.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Brandon McQueen, 4511 South Crawford, spoke in reference to his business, Compassionate Apothecary, clarifying their methods and practices.

Matt Taylor, 4511 South Crawford, spoke in reference to his business, Compassionate Apothecary, clarifying their methods and practices.

The City Commission recessed at 7:49 p.m. and entered into closed session at 8:04 p.m. The Commission recessed at 11:44 p.m. and reconvened the Closed Session at 5:13

p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. The Commission went back into regular session at 6:30 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk