

Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, April 23, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant City Hall.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Kilmer and Vice Mayor Ling; Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin and Rautanen

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

A work session was held for the purpose of discussing the sidewalk and street condition assessments.

Jason Moore and Jennifer Flachs gave presentations on the City of Mt. Pleasant's current Street Condition Assessment and Sidewalk Condition Assessment.

Discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

---

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

---

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Kilmer called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Kilmer and Vice Mayor Ling; Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin and Rautanen

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Communication from resident Patricia Herron
2. First Quarter Investment Report
3. Downtown Development Board Minutes (January)
4. Downtown Development Board Minutes (February)

Item 11, "Consider approval of agreement with Michigan Amateur Softball Association to conduct three softball tournaments during the 2012 season." was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 9, 2012.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held April 9, 2012.
3. Resolution supporting changes to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) board appointments:  
WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was originally formed in 1998, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) in 1997; and  
WHEREAS, The EDC and BRA are public bodies corporate that make use of economic development tools anywhere in the City to benefit the overall economic health of the City; and  
WHEREAS, Management of the BRA may be assigned to the EDC in accordance with the Act; and  
WHEREAS, Neither the EDC nor the BRA has specific boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The EDC and BRA meet only as necessary and each would benefit from the knowledge of the other authority;

WHEREAS, On January 26, 2009, pursuant to the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended, the Mt. Pleasant City Commission designated the Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to serve as the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the EDC Board shall, as a general policy, consist of the following:

- The City Manager
- City Director of Finance and Administrative Services
- Mayor or City Commissioner
- One registered voter of the City representing the financial/banking interests in the community
- One registered voter of the State nominated by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners
- One registered voter of the State nominated by the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
- Three other at-large registered voters of the City

All Board members shall serve staggered six-year terms, may be appointed to additional terms, and shall hold office until a successor is appointed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Economic Development Authority be staffed by the Director of Economic Development and Community Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded, and the City staff legal counsel are directed to take all actions necessary to amend any organizational documents of the BRA and EDC necessary to implement the provisions of the resolution.

4. Resolution in support of Isabella County Road Commission's application for grant funding:

WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant City Commission has been requested to adopt a resolution in support of the Isabella County Road Commission's application for Critical Bridge Funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Program, for the superstructure replacement of the following existing bridge,

Lincoln Road Bridge over Chippewa River, Sections 20 & 21, Union Township

Located 0.61 miles South of M-20 and 2.0 miles West of US 127 BR;  
and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant City Commission, being mindful and supportive of the impact such project will bring to the County and economic benefits that may accrue to the City and County, and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it may be in the City's and County's best interest to see the bridge rehabilitation project succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE Mt. Pleasant City Commission adopts this resolution of support of the Isabella County Road Commission's application for Critical Bridge Funds for the superstructure replacement of the Lincoln Road Bridge.

5. Payrolls dated 4/13/12 and warrants dated 4/11/12; 4/17/12 and 4/19/12 all totaling \$669,870.59.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following in regard to the Michigan Street reconstruction project:

1. approve the bid of Malley Construction of Mt. Pleasant Michigan in the amount of \$649,840.22
2. in an attempt to keep the project within the approved budget, request the DPW Director review the reconstruction (street) costs versus the streetscape costs with the contractor to determine if any changes or deletions to the streetscape could be pre-determined to assist in covering change orders that

might occur, recognizing that a downtown streetscape enhancement is expected

3. for larger dollar unexpected change order items, authorize the City Manager to approve such change orders up to \$70,000 utilizing funds from the fund balance of the Major Street Fund when no other options appear viable

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling and Rautanen

NAYS: Commissioner Kilmer

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to appoint Paul Preston as the City's representative to the Great Lakes Regional Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to approve the following Resolution supporting the Replace Don't Erase Coalition.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Legislature is proposing to significantly reduce the local Personal property tax, and

WHEREAS, the personal property tax remains a major source of local governmental revenues, but generates no revenue for state government, and

WHEREAS, such a revenue loss would have a devastating impact on the ability of local units of government to provide critical community services, and

WHEREAS, in the case of Isabella County the proposal recommended by the Lieutenant Governor would reduce revenues to the County by \$384,888, the City of Mount Pleasant by \$230,000, the Charter Township of Union \$22,000, and by the Village of Shepherd by \$17,420, and

WHEREAS, the revenue loss will also have a detrimental impact on tax increment finance districts throughout Isabella County, the amount of which has not yet been quantified, and

WHEREAS, following recent significant cuts to revenue sharing, these reductions are impossible to absorb without cuts in vital services or millage increases, and

WHEREAS, the State is only proposing a non-guaranteed partial return of these lost revenues as a result of expiring tax credits, beginning in 2016, three years after some reductions of this local revenue source will already have taken effect, and

WHEREAS, any revenues that might be returned will be subject to state imposed restrictions and mandates, effectively changing these revenue sources into grants, reducing local governmental control of public policy, creating instability and uncertainty in critical public services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned units of government strongly object to significant reduction of the personal property tax revenues without a guaranteed replacement revenue source, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any proposed revenue replacements should be free of any state mandates or requirements that challenge the autonomy of local government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Isabella County Commission, the City of Mt. Pleasant Commission, the Township of Union Board of Trustees and the Village of Shepherd Council urge our State Senator and Representative to actively and vigorously oppose any attempts to reduce the personal property tax without a Constitutional guarantee of full replacement

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve an agreement with the Michigan Amateur Softball Association to conduct three softball tournaments during the 2012 season at an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per tournament. Motion unanimously adopted.

### Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin encouraged the community to attend all of the upcoming downtown events including: Movies by Moonlight, Back to the Bricks Car Show, Pumpkin Promenade, ArtWalk Central, Le Tour as well as many others.

Commissioner English has received questions from residents on the Assessor's field inspections that are currently being done in the City. City Manager Grinzinger gave some details on how the program works.

### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Minde Lux, 1240 Buckingham Place, announced her candidacy for Isabella County Clerk.

Karen Jackson, 420 Wright Avenue, Shepherd, announced her candidacy for Isabella County Register of Deeds.

The Commission recessed at 8:04 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:15 p.m.

### **WORK SESSION**

The purpose of the work session was to discuss budget predictions for 2013 and forward.

Assistant City Manager/Financial and Administrative Services Director Nancy Ridley gave a 2013 budget projection update presentation. Discussion ensued.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:36 p.m.

---

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

---

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk