

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Brian Anderson, Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) President, gave the MMDC quarterly update. Discussion ensued.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (September)

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held October 28, 2013.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held October 28, 2013.
3. Amend contract with Peerless-Midwest of Ionia, Michigan for the rehabilitation of Well #20 to increase the contract price by \$10,255 which will bring the expected total to \$50,255.00.
4. Payrolls dated November 8, 2013 and warrants dated November 5, 6 and 7, 2013 all totaling \$626,017.05.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the request for conditional rezoning at 1701 Gover Parkway. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to accept the withdrawal of the request to conditionally rezone the parcel located at 1701 Gover Parkway. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed 2014 Operating Budget. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action was taken at this time.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to receive recommendation from the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club's request for the naming of the new Nelson Park footbridge and set a public hearing for November 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Mayor Ling to extend contract with Dickinson Wright PLLC to provide general counsel services temporarily until a new City Manager is in place.

AYES: Commissioners English, Ling and Sous

NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Rautanen and Tilmann

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to extend contract with Dickinson Wright PLLC to provide general counsel services temporarily and start a new RFQ process.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann  
NAYS: Commissioner Ling  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve a resolution in support of authorizing the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) request and agreement, if awarded. (CC Ex. 13-3) Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to accept/ratify the revised Protective Covenants for Industrial Park South as voted on by the property owners. (CC Ex. 13-4) Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin asked when the Commission will begin discussions on a new City Manager search. He thanked candidates that ran for City Commission and congratulated Mayor Ling and Tony Kulick on their successful campaigns. Commissioner Joslin encouraged other candidates and the public to continue to get involved and commented that there are several vacant board seats. He announced that Ladies Night Out is Saturday, November 16 in Downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Commissioner Sous questioned the status of the tree grant that was discussed when Consumers Powers presented to the Commission earlier this year.

Vice Mayor Tilmann announced that she attended the recent community band concert for Veteran's Day and was very moved. She thanked Veterans and their families for their service. The Vice Mayor also announced that the Isabella County Council of Governments will be meeting Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Isabella County Building.

Commissioner Holton voiced his concern that CM-Life has not been covering City Commission meetings for some time.

Commissioner Rautanen announced that the final week for leaf pick up begins Monday, November 25.

Mayor Ling announced that she attended the Always Brothers event in Island Park and it was very well attended and event coordinators appreciated and thanked city staff for help with the event.

#### WORK SESSION - 2014 Operating Budget Presentation

City Manager Grinzinger and Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance Ridley gave a presentation on follow-up questions on the proposed 2014 Operating Budget. Discussion ensued.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:49 p.m.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk