

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Kathleen Ling and Tony Kulick for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Commissioners Present: Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Interim City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

The Commission recessed at 7:03 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:08 p.m. due to audio problems.

City Clerk Howard conducted the election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

City Clerk Howard opened nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Holton nominated Commissioner Tilmann for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Tilmann was elected Mayor for 2014.

Commissioner Ling nominated Commissioner Holton for Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Commissioner Holton was elected Vice Mayor for 2014.

Mayor Tilmann conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to adopt the following resolution setting time and day of regular meetings:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2014 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m. (except for May 26 rescheduled to May 27 due to Memorial Day) in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway.
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Airport Advisory Board Minutes (October)
2. Building, Fire and Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals Minutes (October)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (October)
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals joint meeting Minutes (October)
5. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission special meeting Minutes (October)
6. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission work session Minutes (November)
7. Recognize vacancies on the Tax Increment Finance Authority/Downtown Development Authority Board and the Principal Shopping District Board.
8. Communication from City resident Wynne Winslow regarding the downtown holiday decorations.
9. Communication from the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association (MMTA) announcing City Treasurer Mary Ann Kornexl as the MMTA Board of Directors President.

Removed item 14a "Washington Street Pedestrian Lighting" from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held December 9, 2013.
2. Bid of Kennedy Industries of New Hudson, Michigan in the amount of \$30,340.00 for the purchase of three Premium Efficiency Inverter Duty Electric Motors.
3. Appointments of City Employee Representatives to various ad hoc boards and committees for 2014 were made as follows:
Building Authority
Finance Director
Center for Applied Research Technology/
Local Development Finance Authority
Interim City Manager
911/Central Dispatch Governing Board
Public Safety Director or Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Pickler
Isabella County Material Recovery Facility
Governing Board
Department of Public Works Director
MML Legislative Coordinator
Interim City Manager
Mid Michigan Area Cable and Telecommunications Consortium Board
Communications Director
4. Approve Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies authorizing Department of Public Works Director John Zang, City Engineer Stacie Tewari; and Engineering Aides Bill Brickner, Jennifer Flachs and Jason Moore to be authorized City staff for MDOT permits on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.
5. Payrolls dated 1/10/14 and warrants 1/8/14 and 1/9/14 all totaling \$280,218.32.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Chapter 151: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide updated information and regulations that comply with state and federal regulations. Kurt Feight, 3213 Brittany Dr., spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. Dawn Cotter, 4573 N. Littlefield Rd., spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance. There being no other public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling that Ordinance 984, an Ordinance amending Chapter 151: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to provide updated information and regulations that comply with state and federal regulations having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Chapter 93: FIRE PREVENTION §93.02 References In Code; Changes In Code; Enforcement and §93.12 Fire Department Connections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to clarify existing provisions and eliminate redundancies that are adequately addressed elsewhere in the City Code. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Kulick that Ordinance 985, an Ordinance amending Chapter 93: FIRE PREVENTION §93.02 References In Code; Changes In Code; Enforcement and §93.12 Fire Department Connections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to clarify existing provisions and eliminate redundancies that are adequately addressed elsewhere in the City Code having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Chapter 152: HOUSING LICENSING CODE §152.004 Definitions *FAMILY* and *FUNCTIONAL FAMILY* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to clarify existing provisions and eliminate redundancies that are adequately addressed elsewhere in the City Code. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen that Ordinance 986, an Ordinance amending Chapter 152: HOUSING LICENSING CODE §152.004 Definitions *FAMILY* and *FUNCTIONAL FAMILY* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to clarify existing provisions and eliminate redundancies that are adequately addressed elsewhere in the City Code having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Sous to award the contract for the 2014 Washington Street Pedestrian Lighting project to J. Ranck Electric, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$81,861. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Tilmann made the following appointments of City Commission Representatives to various ad hoc boards and committees for 2014:

Appointments
Jon Joslin
Tony Kulick
Kathleen Ling

Audit
James Holton
Jon Joslin

Charter
Tony Kulick
Kathleen Ling
Matthew Sous

City-CMU Student Liaison
Rick Rautanen
Sharon Tilmann

Council of Governments
Sharon Tilmann

Intergovernmental Liaison
Sharon Tilmann
James Holton

International Relations
Kathleen Ling

Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity
Matthew Sous

Property
James Holton
Jon Joslin
Rick Rautanen

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the following appointments of City Commission Representatives to City boards and commissions for 2014:

Economic Development Corporation/
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Mayor, Vice Mayor (Alternate)

Principal Shopping District Board
(Downtown Development Board)
Rick Rautanen

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Tilmann made the following appointments of City Commission Representatives to ad hoc advisory committee to review Request for Proposals from search firms for the City Manager search process.

**City Manager Executive Search
Firm Advisory Committee**

Mayor
Vice Mayor
Commissioner Ling

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to approve the following resolution authorizing memorandum of agreement for the creation of a regional brownfield petroleum and hazardous substances assessment coalition.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant; the Gratiot County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (GCBRA), administered by Greater Gratiot Development, Inc.; and Isabella County as represented by the Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC); is applying to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfield Petroleum and Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant – Assessment Coalition; and

WHEREAS, in order to apply as a coalition, the EPA requires the coalition to comprise of a minimum of three eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant is requesting the participation of the GCBRA via Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. and Isabella County through the Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) to partner with the City as a coalition; and

WHEREAS, formation of a coalition will allow our region to apply for up to \$600,000 to inventory, prioritize and conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments of Brownfield sites in the above listed areas and, most importantly, develop reuse plans for the properties; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant is desirous of entering into such a partnership which will provide important resources to the community and business members of the coalition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant will serve as the lead organization in the grant application with Greater Gratiot Development (representing the GCBRA) and MMDC (representing Isabella County).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THAT, as part of the application process and prior to the expenditure of funds, the Mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant is authorized to sign the EPA required Memorandum of Agreement, between the various coalition partners.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick thanked the Street Department for their work clearing the streets of snow after our last storm. He announced that floodplain maps are available on the County's website.

Commissioner Ling announced Planning Commission open houses for proposed Zoning Ordinance changes are being held January 14 from 3 - 5 p.m. and January 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. She also inquired as to when the Commission will be getting an update on storm sewer ordinance.

Commissioner Joslin announced that he will be absent from the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Interim City Manager/Finance Director Ridley announced that the training session for new board and commission members will be held Monday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

Mayor Tilmann gave her condolences to the family and friends of Matt Young. She congratulated Commissioner Ling on her term as Mayor and presented her with a gavel and plaque to thank her for her dedication and service to the City.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Brandon McQueen, 614 Oak St., Apt C, spoke in favor of an ordinance to legalize Marijuana.

Mayor Tilmann adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. without objection.

Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk