

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Director of Parks & Public Spaces Chris Bundy gave a presentation of the recent site clearing at the future dog park.

Discussion ensued.

Middle Michigan Development Corporation President Brian Anderson gave a quarterly update for MMDC.

#### Public Comment on Agenda Items

Carl Lee, 1316 Illinois Ct., spoke in opposition to the vacation of Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive.

Adam Palmer and Katherine Palmer, 302 Greenfield Dr., and Victoria Sladek, 210 Greenfield Dr., spoke in support of the vacation of Illinois Street west of Greenfield Dr.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (September)
2. Communication from Mr. Phillip Seybert regarding the conditional rezoning request for 1040 E. Broomfield Road.
3. Communication from M.C. Kostrzewa regarding the proposed vacation of Illinois Street west of Greenfield Dr.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen 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 October 27, 2014;
2. Bid of Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan for Engineering Design Services for Broadway Street River Bank Restoration and Mill Pond Weir Repair in an amount not-to-exceed \$37,989;
3. Receive Brownfield Plan for 915 E. Broomfield St. and set a public hearing for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on same;
4. Warrants dated October 23 and 30 and November 4 and 5, 2014 and payrolls dated October 24, 2014 all totaling \$919,128.90.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed 2015 Operating Budget. There being no comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Rautanen recused himself from consideration of the request from Economic Development Corporation for economic development fund allocation (due to a conflict of interest).

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve an additional allocation to the Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$260,074; and, designate \$80,000 of the new tax revenue to the Economic Development Fund each year, for four years beginning in 2016 to replenish the fund, contingent on MDOT approval of the street.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Ling and Sous

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Rautanen

Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to deny the request to vacate Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive due to the uncertain development plans for the 11 acres to the west. In addition, authorize the City Attorney to draft a use agreement for Mr. Palmer's property to the south of the Illinois Street right-of-way to provide him assurance of continued use of his current driveway until a road or utilities are constructed in the future. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Kulick announced that leaf pick-up is still going on and asked that residents please try not to park on streets during pick-up times.

Mayor Tilmann announced that Veterans Day is November 11 and thanked all Veterans for their service.

Commissioner Ling announced that appointments to boards and commissions will be made soon and there are still a number of vacancies without applications: namely, Board of Review, Planning Commission and Material Recovery Facility.

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

Christa Jerome, EightCAP representative, gave information on the Isabella County Continuum of Care to prevent homelessness and other programs supporting care for the area homeless including Veterans.

The Commission recessed at 8:13 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:23 p.m.

#### WORK SESSION - 2015 Proposed Operating Budget

City Manager Ridley led a discussion regarding proposed 2015 Operating Budget.

Mayor Tilmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:37 p.m.

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Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk