

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 9, 2015, 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 Rautanen; Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

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

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes (December)
2. Correspondence from Lynn Simons regarding M-2 developments.
3. Communication from Michigan Local Government Management Association (MLGMA) regarding John M. Patriarche Distinguished Service Award presented to former City Manager Kathie Grinzinger.
4. Correspondence from Lana Bach regarding mailbox damage due to snow plowing.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 26, 2015.
2. Bid of F&K's Tree Service of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$33,300 for 2015 Tree Trimming and Removal project.
3. Resolution setting the time period for the approved tax abatement for J & J Land Management at 1900 Gover Parkway as follows:

WHEREAS, the State Tax Commission received a recommendation from the President of the Michigan Strategic Fund to approve industrial facilities exemption application 2014-350 for J&J Land Management at 1900 Gover Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the State Tax Commission acted upon this written recommendation at its meeting of December 16, 2014 approving the application in the amounts of \$288,700 for real property and \$26,691 for personal property; and

WHEREAS, the State Tax Commission has requested the City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant to determine by resolution the specific number of years of this exemption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant that:

The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force for a period of twelve (12) years for the real property and six (6) years for the personal property.

be and the same is hereby approved.

4. Postpone action on consideration of Sidewalk Prioritization Policy until staff completes research and submits an updated policy.
5. Resolution appointing City Engineer Stacie Tewari as the Traffic Engineer as follows:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code R 28:1125 Rule 125. Traffic Engineer for Cities, Townships, and Villages established that the Traffic Engineer shall be appointed in a manner prescribed by the ordinance making body and shall exercise the powers and duties provided in this code in a manner that is consistent with prevailing traffic engineering and safety practices and is in the best interests of the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer shall be responsible for any duties specifically delegated to the local authority by the Act, unless another office is specifically designated by the Act or by this code or is by its nature the more appropriate office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City officials be authorized to appoint Stacie Tewari as the Traffic Engineer on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

6. Resolution setting rates for fees and charges under the Stormwater Ordinance:

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant requires the City Commission set by resolution the fee schedule for activities requiring a permit under the Storm Water Management Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fees requiring a permit under Ordinance 992, Chapter 54, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, are set as follows:

SUBDIVISIONS		
– Plat development, site condos, mobile home parks, and multiple housing units (includes up to 1/2 mile of roadway)	– Up to one acre	\$175.00
	– Each additional acre or fraction thereof	\$ 50.00
INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, MULTI FAMILY, SERVICE FACILITY, & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		
	– Up to one acre	\$175.00
	– Each additional acre or fraction	\$ 50.00
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* SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS		
– Additions larger than 600 square feet or new construction.		\$100.00
* SMALL ADDITION / DRIVEWAY		
– Small additions between 200 and 600 square feet.		\$ 75.00
REVISED PLAN REVIEW		
	– 25% of original fee	VARIES
ADDITIONAL INSPECTIONS/REINSPECTIONS		
– Requested by owner or representative	– Per inspection	\$ 75.00

* Additions or earth changes less than 200 square feet are not subject to review or fee. However, the owner is still responsible for managing storm water runoff from their project.

TOTAL FEE DOUBLED IF WORK COMMENCES PRIOR TO PLAN APPROVAL

7. Payrolls dated January 30, 2015 and warrants dated January 28, 2015 and February 3 and 5, 2015 all totaling \$587,215.10.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on trash and recycling pickup locations and to consider what the next step should be.

Susan Horgan, 1010 S. Kinney; Susan Martin, 1210 Pennsylvania St.; Tim Oneil, 407 S. Kinney; Jim Moreno, 610 E. Wisconsin; Ella Jo Regan, 1016 S. Kinney and Ryan Douglas, 321 S. Kinney spoke in support of alley pickup for trash and recycling pickup.

Gary Douthett, Republic Services representative; and Shad Welke, MMI representative spoke in support of street pickup for trash and recycling pickup.

There being no other comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to return to alley pickup in alleys designated in blue and for the alleys designated in pink continue street side pickup. (CC Ex. 1-2015)

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Sous
ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the purchase of new tablets for City Commissioners who express a need for them.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Rautanen
ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to authorize staff to design and bid the pedestrian street lighting on Washington Street from High to Locust along with two alternates. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following appointments to various boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

Board of Review

Chris Cantrell
Anne Swift

Term Expires

December 31, 2016
December 31, 2016

Historic District Commission

Anne Swift

Term Expires

December 31, 2016

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick thanked Division of Public Works for their work with recent snow removal. He reminded citizens that there is no parking on streets overnight which helps with snow removal. He also thanked downtown businesses for contributing to the recent "sweet deal" promotion.

Commissioner Ling commented that she appreciates the Parks and Recreation Department and their recent "green" initiatives. She would like to revisit alley/street trash and recycling pickup policy in the future.

Commissioner Sous commented that he would like to revisit alley/street trash and recycling pickup policy in the future.

Vice Mayor Rautanen commented that complaints have been received from citizens regarding trash not being picked up due to “issues” with the trash. He would like to see a newsletter article updating the trash pickup rules and regulations regarding what can be picked up (size, weight, etc.)

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jim Moreno, 610 E. Wisconsin, thanked the Commission for returning to alleys for trash and recycling pickup and for the information provided and for listening to citizen concerns.

Madelene Neff, 512 S. University, spoke in support of alley pickup for trash and recycling and shared concerns for the condition of the alley.

The Commission recessed at 7:54 p.m. and went into a closed session at 7:58 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:28p.m.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. without objection.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk