

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Tuesday, May 26, 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 Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Doug Vredeveld with Vredeveld Haefner LLC gave a presentation on the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Lisa Hadden and Bill Strickler, Co-Race Directors for Le Tour de Mont Pleasant, gave a presentation on the 2015 Le Tour de Mont Pleasant and asked for support of the resolution in support of the Seventh Annual Le Tour de Mont Pleasant.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
2. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission regular meeting Minutes (April)
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission work session Minutes (April)
4. Communication from Planning Commission regarding 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan.
5. Communication from city resident Cordelia Kohrman regarding deer.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 11, 2015.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held May 11, 2015.
3. Minutes of the special joint meeting of the City Commission and Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees held May 12, 2015.
4. Resolution in support of the Seventh Annual Le Tour de Mont Pleasant as follows:

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant is dedicated to providing quality community services to the area it serves; and

WHEREAS, Community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that mission; and

WHEREAS, The Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club are hosting a community and county wide event entitled "Le Tour de Mont Pleasant," a series of community and pro-racing bicycling events on June 12th and 13th of 2015 and wishes to partner with the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant wishes to partner with the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club to provide a positive economic impact and community event in the county and surrounding area,

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant will be named as additional insured and shall indemnify and keep indemnified its officers, commission members, and employees from all claims, suits, and judgments, through insurance coverage from USA Cycling,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club are formally expressing their desire to work together and partner to host "Le Tour de Mont Pleasant" bicycling event to be held on the 12th and 13th of June in 2015.*

5. Sidewalk Licenses for Curtiss Hardware and Jojo's Junk Shop.
6. Receive recommended text change to subsections 154.067(B) and 154.067(C)(10)(a) of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to permit health clubs by right in the C-3 District and set a public hearing for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
7. Receive recommended text change to section 154.121 of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to eliminate total width requirements for off-street parking spaces and set a public hearing for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
8. Receive recommended text change to add new sections 98.20 through 98.24 collectively entitled "Complete Streets" to the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to establish a complete streets ordinance and set a public hearing for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
9. Receive proposed Ordinance to amend section 96.04 "Nuisance Gathering" of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances and set a public hearing for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
10. Payrolls dated May 8, 2015 and warrants dated May 4, 6, 11 and 14, 2015 all totaling \$693,875.70.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan 2016-2020. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No Commission action is required at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Isabella County for Hannah's Bark Park. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the following Resolution setting fees and charges for Hannah's Bark Park as presented.

WHEREAS, chapter 97.04 of the City Code authorizes the City Commission to establish by resolution fees and charges for recreation & parks services & facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City, Union Township and the Friends of the Dog Park have collaborated to create a community dog park facility named HANNAH'S BARK PARK which is scheduled to open in July 2015, and

WHEREAS, a key fob system has been installed for use, safety, and evaluation of the facility, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks Director, following discussion with the Parks & Recreation Commission, recommends the following fee schedule and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks Director is authorized to effect minor adjustments to the following fees and charges in order to maximize citizen participation and effect positive community cooperation in recreation and parks services.

RECOMMENDED FEES		
MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE	ADDITIONAL DOG
Annual Membership 12 months	\$30.00	\$20.00
Visitor or "Try-it" Rate 7 days	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to extend the Temporary Traffic Control Order T14-2014 (Pilot Residential Parking Program related signage) until July 31, 2015. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous encouraged Commissioners and public to attend the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Honoring, Healing & Remembering event June 5th at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He announced he recently volunteered at the dog park and was encouraged by the amount of volunteers that helped and thanked them for their help.

Commissioner Ling encouraged the public to read and comment on the Capital Improvement Plan at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kulick announced that the Farmers Market starts on June 4th. He thanked Sacred Heart for their recent renovations and commented that they look really nice.

Vice Mayor Rautanen announced that MDOT recently rolled out what the plan was for repairing Pickard Street and that there is no funding to completely redo the road.

The Commission recessed at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Review enforcement efforts.

Public Safety Director Feldhauser and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on behavior and enforcement activities, primarily in the M-2 neighborhood. A number of ideas were discussed. Based on the general agreement, staff will follow-up on the following and will then report back:

- o Gather information from City attorneys in other cities that have universities.
- o Meet with small group of landlords to hear their ideas and thoughts on what works/doesn't work.
- o Consider additional code enforcement staffing with primary responsibility in the M-2 areas.
- o Consider citing after one warning instead of multiple warnings when practical.
- o Review municipal civil infraction amounts.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk