

Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, February 27, 2012, at 6:33 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant City Hall.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

A work session was held for the purpose of discussing Bellows Street options.

Craig Schripsema and Steve Dearing from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. gave a presentation on Bellows Street Corridor Traffic Calming Study.

Discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager Grinzinger introduced the new Community Services and Economic Development Director, Bill Mrdeza.

State Representative Kevin Cotter gave a presentation on Governor Snyder's Budget proposal.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Norma Bailey and Reverend Farnum gave a presentation proposing an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Kilmer presented a proclamation in support of "February 28, 2012" as National Spay Day USA to Jill Ervin, Executive Director of HATS (Humane Animal Treatment Society).

Public Input on Agenda Items

Jericho Simon, 621 S. Pine St.; Zachary Deering, 405 E. High Street; Virginia Benaro, College Democrats of CMU; Alex Gerard, 3400 E. Deerfield; Wayne Nicholson, 405 E. High Street; Lester Rosan, Alma resident; Harry Kelley, 405 E. High Street; Laura Gonzales, 1206 E. High Street; Becky Black, former Mt. Pleasant resident; Woody Woodruff, Vestaburg resident; Charlie Farnum, 1160 Glenn Ave; Steven Berkshire, 602 S. Main St and Peter Reale, 233 N. Main Street spoke in favor of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Bill Johnson, American Decency Organization and Lindow Koop, 1026 Sweeney, Pastor of Strickland Baptist Church, spoke in opposition of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

The Commission recessed at 8:30 p.m. and returned at 8:39 p.m.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Public Works Annual Report
2. Letter of Resignation from Scott Schlosser of the Airport Advisory Board (term to expire January 31, 2013)
3. Letter of Resignation from Rick Rautanen of the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission (term to expire January 31, 2013)

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 13, 2012.
2. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held February 20, 2012.

3. Extend contract for residential field assessing services with Brenda Beach through December 31, 2013 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said contract.
4. Set a special meeting for a joint session between the City Commission and Planning Commission for March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to review 2011-2012 Planning Commission goals.
5. Grant an easement for a sanitary line to the Charter Township of Union as well as sell the Township the line itself and authorize the Clerk and Mayor to execute the necessary documents.
6. Payrolls dated 2/17/12 and warrants dated 2/16/12 and 2/23/12 all totaling \$568,434.62.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to confirm the agreement with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan to complete all necessary engineering and associated tasks on the Michigan Street project at a cost not to exceed \$51,000.00. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to contract with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. (OHM) of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for construction management of the Michigan Street project for an amount not to exceed \$57,600.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to set a public hearing for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to consider naming Chipp-a-Waters Park Bridge for Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner English to make the following appointments to boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

	<u>Term To Expire</u>
<u>Airport Advisory Board</u> Donna Lea Husted Kriss	January 31, 2013
<u>Historic District Commission</u> Tony Kulick	January 31, 2015

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Joslin to affirm the following statements that can then be used to set the community's direction.

WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TOWARD BEING A COMMUNITY ...

1. With stable funding from a diverse tax-base.
2. Where services and opportunities are optimized by communicating, coordinating and cooperating with other entities and our citizens.
3. Where shopping, dining and entertainment options thrive.
4. Where economic opportunity for businesses offering competitive wages is readily available.
5. With varied recreational and cultural opportunities.
6. With a reliable and sustainable infrastructure.
7. That is safe, clean and healthy.
8. With well maintained, livable and desirable neighborhoods.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Mayor Kilmer announced Commissioner Rautanen will fill the vacant seats on CMU Liason and Audit Committees and Commissioner Joslin will fill vacant seat on Property Committee.

Commissioner Tilmann stated that she enjoyed reading the Public Works Annual Report and thanked Public Works for the job they do.

Commissioner Joslin asked if online petition signatures count as valid petition signatures. Commissioner Joslin also asked if the SWAN deer hunt is accomplishing its intended purpose and if it is time to look at it again.

Vice Mayor Ling agrees that an evaluation of the SWAN deer hunt and recommendations going forward is needed. She also encourages the public to fill out applications for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Vice Mayor Ling also commented that she also appreciated the Department of Public Works Annual Report.

City Clerk Howard reminded the public to vote in the Primary Election, February 28, 2012.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jericho Simon, 621 S. Pine St., spoke on the work being done to gather signatures for a petition for a Constitutional Amendment to End Marihuana Prohibition in Michigan.

Thomas Lavine, Attorney for Committee for a Safer Michigan, spoke on the work being done to gather signatures for a petition for a Constitutional Amendment to End Marihuana Prohibition in Michigan.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:10 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk