

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Tilmann(7:04);
Commissioners Holton, Joslin(7:25), Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner English

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars to the Pheasant Run Kids Club.

City Manager Grinzinger introduced Stacie Tewari as the new City Engineer.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Rotary Club members Carol Santini and Kathie Beebe spoke in support of Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club's request for the naming of the new Nelson Park footbridge.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Annual Progress Report from the Spicer Group on the Mt. Pleasant Center property redevelopment.
2. Resignation of Tony Kulick from the Building, Fire & Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals.
3. Resignation of Tony Kulick from the Historic District Commission.
4. Resignation of Tony Kulick from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Commissioner Holton 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 November 11, 2013.
2. Bids for 2014 Water Treatment Plant treatment (bulk) chemicals as follows:

Lime	Graymont Western Lime, Inc.	\$ 152.00/ton
Caustic	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 564.00/ton*
Liquid CO2	Continental Carbonic Products	\$ 105.00/ton
Ferric Chloride	PVS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 453.00/ton
Sodium Hypochlorite	KA Steel Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 0.762/gal
Anionic Polymer	Polydyne, Inc.	\$2000.00/ton
Polyphosphate	Shannon Chemical Corporation	\$ 6.77/gal
Sodium Fluoride	PVS Nolwood Chemicals	\$1780.00/gal

*Caustic bid is for a six month period.
3. Extend contact for Lime Residuals Removal to GroAmerica, Inc., of Grand Rapids, Michigan through 2014 at a 10% reduction of their contract price per cubic yard.
4. Payrolls dated November 22, 2013 and warrants dated November 11, 20 and 21, 2013 all totaling \$1,055,415.61.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club's request for naming of the new Nelson Park footbridge. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Sous to adopt the following resolution in support of the naming of the Nelson Park footbridge as read and presented to Rotary Club members Carol Santini and Kathie Beebe by Mayor Ling.

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club has been a part of the Mt. Pleasant Community for over 88 years and has as one of its major core values "service to the community" and where "service above self" is the organization's guiding principle. The local Rotary Club has a long history of supporting area projects for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant maintains the GKB Riverwalk Trail that connects five major city parks and is enthusiastically used by many citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, The City has a need to replace an aging pedestrian bridge connecting key portions of the Riverwalk system at Nelson Park; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club recognizes the value of maintaining open space and access to public parks and recreational activities that promote communitywide health and well-being regardless of ability and has committed to partnering with the City by donating half the cost up to \$20,000 to build a universally accessible covered bridge to meet this community need well into the future; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion, the Rotary Bridge will provide daily access to over 500 citizens and visitors of all abilities and will bear the Rotary Logo integrated into the bridge cupola fitting the nature and character of the overall bridge design; and

WHEREAS, It is clearly recognized that the Rotary Club's local commitment and ongoing fundraising efforts have been a substantial benefit to the Mt. Pleasant community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Mt. Pleasant, recognize the generosity of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary membership and their contributions to this quality of life project; and

FURTHER, Upon successful completion of the bridge and donation of the funds committed, will officially name the covered bridge at Nelson Park The Mt. Pleasant "Rotary Bridge".

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to award the contract for 2013-2014 Snow Removal Equipment and Operators to R & T Murphy Trucking, LLC of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount not to exceed \$22,000. City of Mt. Pleasant Street Superintendent Bob Murphy is a co-owner with a financial interest in R&T Murphy Trucking. No City staff and/or resources/facilities will be used in fulfilling the contract terms.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioner Ling

ABSENT: Commissioners English and Joslin

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Tilmann and supported by Sous to approve the extension of the contract of Martineau, Hackett, Romashko and O'Neil for the prosecutorial services for one year at the rate of \$78,164 and will increase to \$79,727 on March 1, 2014. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to amend current contract with Spicer Group to provide continued interim planning staff assistance for the period December 1, 2013 until the position of Director of Planning and Community Development has been filled, to continue at the rate of \$120 per hour with a not-to-exceed commitment of 64 hours of assistance per month and authorize the Mayor to execute the amended contract. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Holton to receive Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement application for Q-Sage at 2150 JBS Trail and set a public hearing on same for Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Mt. Pleasant, Commission Chamber, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to appoint Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative & Financial Services Nancy Ridley as the Acting City Manager effective January 1, 2014. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Joslin to make the following appointments to various boards and commissions for 2014 as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Airport Advisory Board: Glen Irwin II	December 31, 2016
Chippewa River District Library Board of Trustees Kati Mora	December 31, 2017
Fire and Police Retirement Board Greg Schmidt	December 31, 2017
Historic District Commission Lara Raisanen	December 31, 2016
Isabella County Transportation Commission Board Sam Staples	December 31, 2016
Local Officers Compensation Commission Wayne Heminger	December 31, 2020
Parks and Recreation Commission James Batcheller Amanda Boyle	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2016
Planning Commission Keith Cotter Suzanne Shellady	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2016
Principal Shopping District Board (Downtown Development Board) Allison Quast Tim Brockman Sarah Christensen Lois Breidenstein	December 31, 2017 December 31, 2016 December 31, 2016 December 31, 2016
Tax Increment Finance Authority/ Downtown Development Authority Margaret McAvoy Rick McGuirk Rich Swindlehurst	December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017
Zoning Board of Appeals Peter Orlik Jo Palm	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2016

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commission Sous to set the first meeting of 2014 for Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Mt. Pleasant, City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous questioned what is being done to follow-up on the potential food hub recommendation from the Mt. Pleasant Center Highest and Best Use Study.

Vice Mayor Tilmann commended Michelle Sponseller and City staff for their efforts in getting the City named as an E-Cities 2013 Five Star Honored Community.

Mayor Ling requested a commission representative to serve with staff during the RFQ screening process for City Attorney legal services. Commissioner Holton will be the representative. Mayor Ling questioned why the City was not eligible for the Consumers' Tree grant; she also welcomed the new CM-Life reporter to the meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Liz Busch, 422 S. Washington St., spoke in support of the City taking possession of and maintaining Potter Park which is currently owned and maintained by Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

WORK SESSION - City Manager Hiring Process

City Manager Grinzinger and Human Resources Director Gandy presented recommendations on the City Manager Hiring Process. Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 7:55 p.m. and went back into session at 7:59 p.m.

WORK SESSION - 2014 Operating Budget

Assistant City Manager/Administrative & Financial Services Director Ridley gave a presentation on the proposed 2014 Operating Budget. Discussion ensued.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:54 p.m.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk