

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 27, 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; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Holton

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (September)
2. Third Quarter Investment Report
3. Commissioner Kulick's summary memo from the 2014 MML Conference

Moved by Commissioner Kulick 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 October 13, 2014.
2. Bid of Bay Landscaping of Essexville, Michigan for the 2015 Spring Trees Bid in the amount of \$11,046.
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Krapohl Ford for the purchase, use and buyback of a truck for \$29,985.
4. Approve extension of Temporary Traffic Control Order T14-2014 for the residential neighborhood parking pilot program until May 2015.
5. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution in support of entering into an amended standard street lighting contract with Consumers Energy for the addition of lights at High and Washington and High and Main Streets.
6. Authorize the Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding for Lincoln Street, Pickard Ave. and Broadway Street.
7. Approve Resolution in support of Promise Zone designation.
8. Approve Resolution authorizing contract with MDOT for airport LiDAR survey.
9. Approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with MDOT for the maintenance and continued operation of the AWOS system at the airport for the contract period August 1, 2014 to July 30, 2017.
10. Warrants dated October 9, 13, 16 and 22, 2014 and payrolls dated October 10, 2014 all totaling \$1,037,166.87.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the conditional rezoning request for 1040 E. Broomfield Road. Garrett Seybert, 1825 E. Broadway, spoke in favor of the conditional rezoning request. There being no additional comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Sous to refer rezoning of the property located at 1040 E. Broomfield Road back to the Planning Commission for further review and discussion on the conditions, traffic control analysis and other City Commission concerns.

AYES: Commissioners Ling, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioners Joslin, Kulick and Rautanen
ABSENT: Vice Mayor Holton
Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Kulick to set a second public hearing on the conditional rezoning request for 1040 E. Broomfield Road for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to receive the amended Special Assessment Roll for the Principal Shopping District #01-15 and approve Resolution #5 as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Commission has met after due and legal notice and reviewed the special assessment roll to provide for funding for the Principal Shopping District, in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-15;

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing the special assessment roll, the City Commission deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon are in accordance with the benefits to be derived by each parcel of land assessed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor, in the amount of \$85,000 for the year of 2015 is hereby confirmed.
2. Said special assessment roll will be one annual installment, which will be billed semiannually. The billings will be on July 1 and December 1 of the year 2015.
3. No interest will be charged on the unbilled balance of said special assessment roll.
4. The City Clerk is directed to attach his warrant to a certified copy of this resolution within ten (10) days after its adoption requesting the Assessor to spread and the Treasurer to collect the sums and amounts as directed by the Commission.
5. The City Clerk is directed to endorse the date of confirmation on the roll.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Rautanen and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Ling and Sous

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Holton

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick announced that Halloween trick or treating hours will be observed on Friday, October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and asked that everyone please be careful.

Commissioner Sous would like to look at coordinating lobbying efforts with other communities. He announced that Beta Theta Pi will be having a Chili Cook-off to benefit Isabella County Soup Kitchen on Thursday, November 14 from 6-8:30 p.m.

City Manager Ridley announced that I-Ride will be providing free rides to City precincts on Election Day – Call the I-Ride number to schedule a ride. She encouraged the public to check www.mi.gov/vote to view their ballot and to find voting location.

Commissioner Joslin encouraged residents to get out and vote at the General Election on Tuesday, November 4. There are three candidates vying for two City Commission seats. He announced Ladies Night Out to be held Downtown on Saturday, November 15th and that applications for Board and Commission vacancies are still being accepted.

Commissioner Ling announced that Kathie Grinzinger received an award from the Michigan Municipal League.

Mayor Tilmann offered condolences to the John Henry Neyer family on his recent passing.

The Commission recessed at 7:58 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:03 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Overview of draft Stormwater Ordinance

City Engineer Aide Bill Brickner; Director of Public Works John Zang and City Engineer Stacie Tewari, gave a presentation on the draft Stormwater Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

WORK SESSION - 2015 Proposed Operating Budget

City Manager Ridley led a discussion regarding 2015 Proposed Operating Budget items for further discussion in a future work session.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Tilmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:48 p.m.

Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk