

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 27, 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 and Sous

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Ling and Verleger

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

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager Ridley introduced Recreation and Sports Director Ryan Longoria.

Police Captain Paul Lauria gave a presentation on in-car video systems in use in the patrol vehicles.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Holton read and presented the 2015 William Brehm Tourism Award to Mt. Pleasant's Director of Parks and Public Spaces and Interim Recreation Department PEAK Coordinator Spencer McKellar who accepted on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (March)
2. Historic District Commission Minutes (December)
3. 2014 Annual Report
4. First Quarter Investment Report
5. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order T5-2015
6. Communication from Brandon McQueen regarding potential ballot initiative regarding legalization of marihuana

Item #18 "Consider resolution to approve amended language of Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter and submit for placement on the November ballot." was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 13, 2015.
2. Bid of Compass Minerals American, Inc. of Overland, KS as part of the State of Michigan's MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program in the amount of \$64.68 per ton, for a total amount of \$32,340 for road salt.
3. Set public hearing for May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the CDBG Jockey Alley (Parking Lot #2) grant close-out.
4. Amend Sidewalk License Policy as presented. (CC Exh. 3-2015)
5. Authorize the assignment of land contract for the remaining sites in Eastpointe IV from the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to Gratiot Isabella RESD.
6. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Michigan University on Preston Street Lighting.
7. Standard Commercial Property Utility Service and Franchise Agreement as presented and authorize the City Attorney to make minor adjustment as needed based on the Township Board input.
8. Payrolls dated April 10, 2015 and warrants dated April 8 and 16, 2015 all totaling \$701,124.70.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Spicer Group Representative Alan Bean gave a brief presentation on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the following Resolution adopting the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as presented:

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant has undertaken a five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities and programs during the period between January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 and,

WHEREAS, an online input survey was made available to the public from February 12 to March 10, 2015, and

WHEREAS, a community input open house was held on February 24, 2015, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm and then from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at City Hall, 320 W. Broadway to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan was made available for review and public comment from March 20, 2015, to April 21, 2015, on line and in print form at Mt. Pleasant City Hall and Veterans Memorial Library, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, the City of Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission, after a public hearing, recommended adoption of said Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting held on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission, after a public hearing, recommended adoption of said Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant has developed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the parks and recreation needs of the community,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day that the City of Mt. Pleasant adopts said Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the Sidewalk Licenses for Market on Main, Rubbles and Crème de la Crème. Motion unanimously adopted

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the Sidewalk License for Midori.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Rautanen and Sous

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioners Ling and Verleger

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the Residential Trash and Recycling Pickup Exception Policy as presented. (CC Exh. 4-2015)

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Rautanen and Sous

NAYS: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioners Ling and Verleger

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Kulick to adopt a resolution approving amended language of Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter and submit for placement on the November ballot.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to postpone action on consideration of resolution to approve amended language of Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter and submit for placement on the November ballot until the next City Commission regular meeting scheduled for May 11, 2015. Motion unanimously adopted.

Received and discussed recommended agenda template change. No action was taken at this time.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick 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, Joslin, Kulick, Rautanen and Sous
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Ling and Verleger
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick announced that fences are being installed at the dog park and work is progressing. He reminded dog owners to be cautious taking dogs to the park as temperament and records are unknown.

Commissioner Sous announced that key fobs for dog park will help control problem dogs at the park. He commented that the overnight parking policy on the website is confusing to people. City Manager Ridley clarified that changes in enforcement were not made official on the website as it was done on a trial basis for this year.

Mayor Holton announced that Randi Shaffer (Morning Sun Staff Reporter) is leaving for a new job in Chicago; he congratulated her and wished her good luck.

WORK SESSION – 2016 – 2020 Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Ridley gave a presentation on the proposed 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 8:28 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:31 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:48 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk