

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 23, 2017, 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 Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Stephanie Ward of Mead and Hunt gave a presentation on the Michigan Aviation System Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Diyonn Fahlman, 4278 Fairway Lane, has some MMMFLA questions regarding maps and buffer zones.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
 - a. MMMFLA summary.
2. Third Quarter Investment Report.
3. Correspondence received regarding residential snow removal ordinance.
4. Correspondence received from Sacred Heart Academy regarding Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMMFLA).
5. Resignation of Mike Ross from the Local Officers Compensation Commission.
6. Resignation of Pat LaChance from the Isabella County Transportation Commission.
7. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (August).

Moved by Commissioner Holton 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 October 9, 2017.
2. Minutes of closed session of the City Commission held October 9, 2017.
3. Warrants dated October 4, 5, 9 and 12, 2017 and Payroll dated October 6, 2017 all totaling \$864,656.68.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to add new section 150.02 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to regulate swimming pools. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj that Ordinance 1029, an ordinance to add new section 150.02 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to regulate swimming pools be passed, ordained and ordered published.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to amend the original motion to add that additional needed changes must be brought to the City Commission no later than the 1st meeting in May and if not, then all changes would be void.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton and Kulick
NAYS: Commissioners Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
ABSENT: None
Motion failed.

The Commission considered the original motion.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to add Chapter 156 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to provide for and regulate local historic districts. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis that Ordinance 1030, an ordinance to add Chapter 156 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to provide for and regulate local historic districts be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to add Section 32.30 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to specify the power of the City Planning Commission. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj that Ordinance 1031, an ordinance to add Section 32.30 to the Mt. Pleasant City Code to specify the power of the City Planning Commission be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to receive a proposed ordinance to amend Title XIII, Chapter 132, Section(s) 132.03, 132.04 and 132.06 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code regarding the purchase, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages by minors, furnishing, or using fraudulent identification, and license sanctions and set a public hearing for November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize a budget amendment of \$4,872 to support a contract with Mt. Pleasant Sash and Door to complete the installation of the Wood Street fence.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick encouraged residents to remove leaves from storm drains due to rain.

Vice Mayor Lents announced that the Pumpkin Promenade is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31 in Downtown Mt. Pleasant from 4 to 6 p.m.

Commissioner Gillis reminded citizens to apply for vacant board and commission seats; League of Women Voters City Commission Candidate forum was held last week and can be viewed on MACTV website or see vote411.org for more information; The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 7 to vote in two City Commissioners;

There will be a public hearing on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the new zoning ordinance; and, the leaf program has begun:

Week of Oct. 23: Rake leaves into low piles

Week of Oct. 30: Leaf collection week

Week of Nov. 6: Rake leaves into low piles

Week of Nov. 13: Leaf collection week

Week of Nov. 20: Rake leaves into low piles

Week of Nov. 27: Final leaf collection week

Mayor Ling commented on the “Greeks Clean The Streets” event which recently took place; and thanked the Department of Public Safety, the “Greeks” and Jeff Pickler for starting the program. She congratulated Officers Covarrubias, Moe, Solmonson and Thompson who recently received MADD awards; and congratulated Andy Latham on FBI training graduation.

Audra Flores, 3 Kensington Circle, spoke in support of MMMFLA.

Diyonn Fahlman, 4278 Fairway Lane, spoke in opposition of MMMFLA.

Steve Stressman, 215 E. Chippewa St., spoke in opposition to the proposed new zoning ordinance.

Robin Stressman, 215 E. Chippewa St., asked for more meetings/discussions on the proposed new zoning ordinance.

The Commission recessed at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m. to conduct a work session.

WORK SESSION – 2018 Operating Budget discussion

Mayor Ling and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on 2018 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion of the 2018 Operating Budget will be continued at the special meeting of the City Commission on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk