

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 8, 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

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerks Week (May 7-13, 2017) to City of Mt. Pleasant Clerk Jeremy Howard.

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week (May 21-27, 2017) to City of Mt. Pleasant Public Works Director John Zang.

Jim McBryde, President of Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) gave a presentation on the annual Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement Report.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Sandy Halasz, 580 S. Shepherd Rd., spoke in support of the Mission/Pickard Downtown Development Authority plan extension.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items:
 - a. M-2 Redevelopment Procedures update.
2. 2016 Component Unit Financial Reports
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (March)
4. Receipt of annual Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement Report from Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC).
5. Correspondence from City resident Kristin LaLonde regarding on-street barrier free parking downtown.
6. Correspondence from Michael Rapanos regarding rental licensing fees.
7. Correspondence from Chris Walton regarding Max & Emily's Summer Concert Series.
8. Resignation of Sharon Tilmann from the Local Development Finance Authority.
9. Letter at the dias from Sandy Halasz regarding the Mission/Pickard Downtown Development Authority plan extension.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 24, 2017.
2. Bid of Gawne Trucking, Inc. of Charlotte, Michigan in the amount of \$193,500 for biosolids residuals management.
3. Resolution in support of Temporary Traffic Control Order 4-2017:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 4-2017 (Place "no parking here to corner" sign on the east side of Lansing Street, 20' north of the crosswalk at Michigan Street). Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on May 8, 2017 for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves traffic control order No. 4-2017 as a permanent traffic control order.

4. Payrolls dated April 21, 2017 and warrants dated April 17, 19 and 27, 2017 all totaling \$576,936.98

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to rescind the 2006 Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Policy and approve the current policy as recommended by the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to appoint Mary Ann Kornexl to perform on an interim basis until a new City Assessor takes office those functions and duties that can be performed without a specific assessor certification. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize a one-time live auction and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with CMU. Motion unanimously adopted.

Consider whether a public hearing to adjust the 2017 millage rate should be held. No action was taken by the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve the resolution for grant agreement for the approach slope clearing project at the airport as presented.

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (Federal Project Number B-26-0069-1913, MDOT Contract No. 2017-0448) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract to receive funds for the acquisition of easements for approach slope clearing;

WHEREAS, this project will improve the safety for airport traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Cost Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve the purchase of easements for parcels E-14, E-15 and E-16 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 from Blair Capital, LLC and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the closing documents. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to authorize staff to work with MAC3TV for recording work sessions in Conference Room A. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve a budget amendment of \$4,523 utilizing funds in the TIFA unassigned fund balance. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve a budget amendment of \$7,500 for the purchase of a gum buster utilizing funds in the downtown fund balance.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Madaj announced that the MMMFLA Ad-Hoc Committee had their first meeting on May 3. The next meeting will be on May 17. More information regarding the MMMFLA Ad-Hoc Committee can be found at www.mt-pleasant.org/MMMFLA.

Commissioner Kulick announced that several communities in Michigan have passed ordinances on bicycle passing distances by cars and would like to see staff get some further information. He would also like staff to get information on obtaining a digital countdown clock for speaking at the podium and would like the Downtown Board to look into communities who have a “gum free” zone.

Commissioner Gillis announced that there are vacancies on boards and commissions and encouraged residents to apply.

The Commission recessed at 7:54 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Fee Setting Guidelines Discussion

City Manager Ridley and Mayor Ling lead a discussion on fee setting guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will capture the discussion in a draft policy and bring it back to the commission for review.

Mission/Pickard DDA Discussion

City Manager Ridley and Mayor Ling lead a discussion on the Mission/Pickard DDA.

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk