

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 28, 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.

A moment of silence was observed for former city manager, Larry Collins who passed away on August 23, 2017.

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

Cheryl Kitts, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration and Jerry Whale, External Affairs Tribal Specialist, FEMA, gave a presentation on flood assistance programs.

Discussion ensued.

Public Works Assistant Director Steve Hein gave a presentation on Storm Water, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) grant.

Discussion ensued.

### Public Input on Agenda Items

Michael Biedenbender, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, 1402 E. Preston, spoke of concerns with storm water ordinance and process.

Amy Swaney, 1405 Greenbriar, spoke in support of sidewalk snow removal.

### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Planning Commission Minutes (August).
3. Planning Commission Work Session Minutes (August).
4. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes (June).
5. Correspondence from LaBelle Realty regarding character based zoning code.
6. Letter at dias from CMU student Autumn Gairaud regarding sidewalk snow removal.
7. Letter at dias from city resident Chad Hill regarding sidewalk snow removal.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held August 14, 2017.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held August 14, 2017.
3. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Standard Lighting Contract between the City and Consumers Energy for new LED street lighting at Mission and Preston and Mission and Bellows.
4. Received proposed Ordinance to Amend Title XIII, Chapter 131, §131.04 DISCHARGING FIREARMS OR OTHER DEVICES of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to allow for indoor shooting range within the City limits and set a public hearing for September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
5. Approval of easement purchase agreement.
6. Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant under Section 19 of Emergency Management Act:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations Plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976 as amended.

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the flood resulting in the following conditions: Damage to City Parks, Roads and Bridges, Storm Drains, Parking Lots, Waste Water Treatment Facility, Water Treatment Facility, Municipal Airport, DPS Building, City Hall, and Debris removal.

WHEREAS, The City Commission certifies that the County/Municipal Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster at 07:00 a.m. on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted.

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on The City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The City Commission request the Governor authorize a grant to The City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

FURTHERMORE, Richard Beltinck is authorized to execute for and in behalf of The City of Mount Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State any information required for that purpose.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, are rescinded.

7. Payroll dated August 11, 2017 and warrants dated August 9 & 17, 2017 all totaling \$1,333,606.87.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Kulick to direct staff to work with the City Attorney to draft a proposed Ordinance to amend Title V, Chapter 54: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to change the requirements of when compliance is required for parking lot only projects. Due to the unique nature of this matter, the proposed Ordinance will be brought to the Commission for consideration as an emergency ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to amend the original motion to include waiving the \$250 fee if Faith Lutheran Church decides to go to the Building Board of Appeals on this parking lot matter. Motion unanimously adopted.

Considered original motion with amendment.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Holton

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to formally approve the policy and application for Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to amend the original motion to add a check box to the application for boards and commissions for renters within the City of Mt. Pleasant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Consider original motion with amendment.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Lents

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to set a special meeting for Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2018 Operating Budget. Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick thanked Public Safety and other agencies that helped this past weekend as students moved back in.

Commissioner Holton announced that he participated in a ride-along this past weekend and was happy with the positive changes in behavior from past years.

Vice Mayor Lents thanked Public Safety and other agencies that helped this past weekend as students moved back in and thanked the students for following the expected community standards.

Police Chief Lauria commented that there has been noticeable progress with student behavior and issues after implementing multi-year plan and will continue with the plan in the future. He thanked all the people involved and support given by staff and other agencies.

Mayor Ling commented that there was great cooperation between students, residents, CMU and City this past weekend.

Commissioner Verleger announced that fall sports are beginning and would like to thank Parks and Recreation for their work.

Commissioner Gillis announced that there are openings on boards and commissions and encouraged citizens to apply.

#### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Michael Biedenbender, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, 1402 E. Preston, asked for clarification on the enactment of the emergency ordinance and when they could finish their parking lot project.

Kristen LaLonde, 127 Arnold, announced her candidacy as City Commissioner and that she also did a ride-along this past weekend and was pleasantly surprised with how well the night went.

The Commission recessed at 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m. to conduct a work session.

#### WORK SESSION - Discussion on sidewalk snow removal.

City Manager Ridley and Mayor Ling led a discussion on sidewalk snow removal.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will gather further information regarding successful ordinances to report back to the commission by the end of September.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m. without objection.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk