

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 25, 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 and Madaj

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Verleger

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

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, "October, 2017" to Rihan Issa, Prevention Educator & Volunteer Coordinator at Women's Aid Service.

#### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Add Item #20 to the agenda: "Consider closed session pursuant to subsection 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the possible purchase or lease of real property."

#### Public Input on Agenda Items

Mary Irvine, 4608 S. Isabella Rd., Apt. #221, spoke in support of sidewalk snow and ice removal at school crossing locations.

Barb Anderson, 301 W. Broomfield St., spoke in support of sidewalk snow and ice removal at school crossing locations.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items:
  - a. Service Club Guidelines
2. Planning Commission Minutes (August regular meeting).
3. Planning Commission Minutes (August special meeting).
4. Correspondence received from Grace Church regarding proposed character based zoning code.
5. Receipt of Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2017-2018 Core Legislative Principles.
6. Receipt of 2016-2017 Annual State of the League Report from Michigan Municipal League (MML) Executive Director and CEO Dan Gilmartin.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick 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 September 11, 2017.
2. Contract with Block Electric of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$23,500 to complete the repair to the Island Park north restroom electrical service.
3. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the appropriate agreement with Mead and Hunt of Lansing, Michigan for design, bid letting, and contract administration services for the approach slope clearing and updating the PAPI lighting plans at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport at a cost of \$29,318.
4. Amend the purchase buyback contract with Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for a 2018 F-150 truck at a cost of \$36,625 for a police administrative vehicle.
5. Authorize contracts with Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the purchase buyback of nine 2018 Ford F-150 pickup trucks at a not-to-exceed cost of \$35,000 per truck.

6. Warrants dated September 6, 8, 11 and 14, 2017 and Payroll dated September 8, 2017 all totaling \$778,134.30.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017 and consideration of approval of Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Special Assessment District.

Letter at dais from Thomas Horgan, 122 & 126 S. Main St., in opposition of special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017.

Letter at dais from Jeffrey Jakeway, 215 N. Lansing St. & 225 S. Main St., in opposition of special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017.

Janelle Joslin, 207 & 209 W. Broadway St., spoke in opposition of special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017.

Kathy Smith, 112 E. Broadway, spoke in opposition of special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017.

Sarah Christensen, Greentree Cooperative Grocery, 214 N. Franklin St., spoke in support of the special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2017.

There being no additional public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the adoption of the following Resolution No. 5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for Special Assessment.

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. 1-17;

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 \$115,524 per year for each year including 2018 and 2019, is hereby confirmed.

2. Said special assessment roll will be two annual installments, each of which will be billed semiannually. The billings will be on July 1 and December 1 of each year 2018 through 2019.

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 Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton

ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger

Motion carried.

Received Commissioners' top rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations. The City Manager will forward the rankings to the Tribe.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a contract with Bud Percha Painting and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation for the painting of the High Street Bridge abutments and pump house. Motion unanimously adopted.

Received information on downtown budgets and discussed next steps:

- a) Explanation of detailed changes to 2017 amended budget for Tax Increment Finance Authority Central Business District (TIFA/CBD):

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Madaj to allocate \$15,000 from TIFA reserve fund for downtown Christmas light curtain matching program.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to amend the original motion to allocate \$10,000 from TIFA reserve fund for downtown Christmas light curtain matching program.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj  
NAYS: Commissioners Holton  
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger  
Motion carried.

Original motion to allocate funds from TIFA reserve fund for downtown Christmas light curtain matching program was reconsidered with amended allocation of \$10,000 instead of the original motion's \$15,000 allocation.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj  
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton  
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger  
Motion carried.

- b) Discussed plan for power washing of sidewalks. No action necessary.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Madaj to receive proposed ordinance to amend Sections 54.02, 54.03, 54.04 and 54.09 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to address parking lot reconstruction and off-site pass through and set a public hearing for October 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss possible purchase and/or lease of real property.

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

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

Vice Mayor Lents announced a downtown open house this weekend - "Come Home to Downtown Mt. Pleasant" and invited public to attend.

Commissioner Kulick announced fall leaf pick-up schedule:

**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

Commissioner Kulick also announced that FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center, located at 4855 E. Bluegrass Road, Mt. Pleasant is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Commissioner Gillis announced: 1) there are positions available on City Boards and Commissions and encouraged residents to go on-line and apply; 2) City Commission packets are on-line for public review; 3) City Commission meetings are broadcast on MACTV and she encouraged the public to watch the August 7 meeting regarding the proposed Character Based Zoning Ordinance; 4) many ordinances are not enforced or are enforced on complaint basis, she would like to see that change; 5) Reminded public of some of the nuisance ordinances and encouraged public to call if needed; 6) she would like to see the Commission look into having an ordinance to require removal of graffiti.

City Manager Ridley announced that the deadline for filing claims with FEMA for June flooding is Monday, October 2.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Sarah Christensen, 311 E. Bennett, requested the City look at Parks and Recreation staff and Park Rangers more closely for labor time waste and better training.

Steve Stressman, 215 E. Chippewa, apologized to the Mayor for a comment he made at the previous meeting.

The Commission recessed at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:28 p.m. to conduct a work session.

WORK SESSION - Presentation by Assistant Finance Director Chris Saladine on the 2018 Operating Budget.

Assistant Finance Director Chris Saladine gave a presentation on the 2018 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

WORK SESSION - Discussion on sidewalk snow plowing.

Mayor Ling led a brief discussion on sidewalk snow removal.

Discussion ensued.

A majority of the Commission is not interested in pursuing an ordinance at this time.

The Commission went into closed session at 9:00 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed sessions.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m. without objection.