STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT

The City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas, after notice posted in the manner, form and contents as required by law, met in Regular Session on August 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall at 501 North Madison with the following members present:

Dr. Paul O. Meriwether - Mayor

Robert Nance - Mayor Pro-Tem
Erman Hensel - Council Member
Tim Dale - Council Member
Andy Fortenberry - Council Member
Mike Ahrens - City Manager
Brenda Reynolds - City Secretary
Kerry Wootten - City Attorney

Absent: David Huffman - Council Member

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2013 SPECIAL SESSION.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member Nance, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2013 Special Session. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE 2012 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT.

An annual report is required by EPA that summarizes water quality for the previous year. This report must be presented in a public forum and mailed to all residents. The requirement has been met.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7 AMENDING SECTION 155.28 CB-CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF CHAPTER 155 ZONING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

The Mayor opened the public hearing concerning this issue. Mike Ahrens, City Manager, and Eddie Perritt, Director of Building and Development, presented this ordinance change and described what it would do for the central business district. No one was present to address this issue. The Mayor closed the public hearing. Motion was made by Council Member Fortenberry, second by Council Member Dale, to approve Ordinance No. 2013-7 which would allow single and two family dwellings in the Central Business district. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, BID #E1-1213.

Motion was made by Council Member Hensel, second by Council Member Nance, to approve Change Order No. 1 increasing the project by \$7,229.00 and changing the completion date to August 8, 2013 and approving final payment in the amount of \$163,904.01. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PLANING AND OVERLAY, EAST 1ST PROJECT, BID #E2-1213.

Motion was made by Council Member Hensel, second by Council Member Dale, to award the contract for planning and overlay of East 1st Street to the low bidder, R.K. Hall Construction of Paris, TX in the amount of \$174,357.43 and accepting the 30 days completion. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR I-30 WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL FROM TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

Motion was made by Council Member Hensel, second by Council Member Nance, to award the bid for I-30 Water Treatment Plant Improvements contingent upon approval from Texas Water Development Board to the lowest bidder, Gracon Construction, Inc. of Dallas, Texas in the amount of \$2,044,400.00. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- I. Monthly Departmental Reports
- II. Titus County Appraisal District Report
- III. July 2013 Financial Report
- IV. Sales Tax Analysis

WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET.

Mike Ahrens, City Manager, summarized proposed changes to the proposed 2013-2014 Budget to the council which was discussed during the last budget workshop. He also answered questions from the council concerning the proposed budget.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE 2013 PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY.

Motion was made by Council Member Hensel, second by Council Member Nance, to consider a proposal to increase the 2013 property tax rate from the effective rate of \$0.3233 to \$0.3433. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER SETTING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED 2013 TAX RATE.

Motion was made by Council Member Dale, second by Council Member Hensel, to set two public hearings to allow the public the opportunity to express their views on the tax rate increase. The first meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers at its regular scheduled meeting and the second meeting to be held in a special meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Upon a vote, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: 6:55 P.M.	
	DR. PAUL O. MERIWETHER, MAYOR
ATTEST:	
BRENDA REYNOLDS, CITY S	ECRETARY