

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Joseph called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Gillis; Commissioners Kulick, LaLonde, Ling, Perschbacher and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Departmental presentation by Utility Billing/Cashier Supervisor Sue Jones.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to add a new item: "Discuss recent local alley issue related to Code of Ordinances Section 51.040 - Sewer lines - Separate building sewer for each building." to the agenda.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Ling and Perschbacher

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
 - a. Follow-up on matters from prior communication related to the zoning ordinance.
2. Third Quarter Investment Report.
3. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (September)

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Tolas to remove Item #6b "Bids and Quotations - b. Environmental Consulting Services" from the Consent Calendar. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held October 14, 2019.
2. Authorize Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl to sign a contract with Tokio Marine HCC for health insurance stop loss coverage at the rate of \$48.50 per month for single coverage and \$143.31 per month for family coverage with a \$150,000 deductible.
3. Resolution in support of Traffic Control Order No. 3-2019 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 3-2019 (Reconfigure stop signs at Hopkins and Washington to create a 4-way stop at the intersection. Place stop bars on Washington. Place "All Way" signs on all 4 stop signs.). Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on October 28, 2019, 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. 3-2019 as a permanent traffic control order.

4. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Title XIII: GENERAL OFFENSES, Chapter 133: FIREWORKS to comply with State law and set a public hearing for November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
5. 2019 budget adjustment to allow for a one-time payment of \$240,000 to MERS.
6. Warrants dated October 15 & 23, 2019 and Payrolls dated October 18, 2019 all totaling \$735,889.49.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Lalonde to postpone action on environmental consulting services until next meeting to receive maps of drill holes and boundaries of landfill; justification for drilling holes in capped landfill; assurance that drilling will not cause future problems; and confirmation of the information regarding if aquifer and/or river is being contaminated. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Gillis to approve the resolution recognizing the importance of the 2020 Census as presented:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the next enumeration will be April 1, 2020 and will be the first to rely heavily on online responses; and

WHEREAS, the primary and perpetual challenge facing the U.S. Census Bureau is the undercount of certain hard to count population groups; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant has a large percentage of individuals that are considered traditionally hard to count; and

WHEREAS, these diverse communities and demographic populations are at risk of being missed in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant receives federal funding that relies, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of the City of Mt. Pleasant population is essential; and

WHEREAS, the data collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the data is also used in the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils; and

WHEREAS, the decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires cross-sector collaboration and partnership in order to achieve a complete and accurate count; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant's leaders have made it a priority that every citizen is counted once, only once and in the right place; and

WHEREAS, this includes coordination between city, county, tribal, state governments, community based organizations, education, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is facing several challenges with Census 2020, including constrained fiscal environment, rapidly changing use of technology, declining response rates, increasingly diverse and mobile population, thus support from partners and stakeholders is critical; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant in partnership with other local governments, the State, businesses, schools, and community organizations, is committed to robust outreach and communication strategies, focusing on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Mt. Pleasant recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all residents of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to amend the prior approval to include the purchase of two self-unloading trailers with compartments from Pro-Tainer for \$28,800 and an additional budget amendment for \$7,850. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Tolas to confirm the purchase of 800 tons of road salt for early delivery and the appropriate budget amendments. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Kulick to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with counsel regarding pending litigation Fisher Transportation Company et al v. Union Township et al. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to request the City Manager investigate the sewer connection situation in the alley between Fancher and Kinney and Locust and Wisconsin and, if appropriate, grant an exception on the sewer connection as per the Code of Ordinances Section 51.040 and the City Manager will provide a report back to the City Commission including the basis of the decision.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Ling, Perschbacher and Tolas

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick reminded residents of leaf pick-up dates. He also announced Trick or Treat hours will be Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Week of October 21: rake leaves

Week of October 28: leaf collection

Week of November 4: rake leaves

Week of November 11: leaf collection

Week of November 18: rake leaves

November 25-27: final leaf collection

Mayor Joseph announced that the ICRH opened this past weekend and those in need should go to the day shelter, downtown on Pine St.; go to <https://www.icrhouse.org/wordpress/volunteer/> for information on how you can become a volunteer. International Relations Committee's annual banquet is November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Mid-Michigan Community College

Commissioner Tolas indicated that a correction was needed to the October 4 end of the week memo from the City Manager should be corrected regarding Bob's Barber Shop blade sign.

Commissioner Ling announced the League of Women Voters of the Mt Pleasant Area will hold their Making Democracy Work Town Hall style meeting on October 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm, at Mid Michigan College 2600 S Summerton Rd, Mt Pleasant covering voting rights, Citizens Redistricting Commission, and the 2020 Census.

Vice Mayor Gillis announced that there are openings on boards and commissions and encouraged residents to go to the City's website: www.mt-pleasant.org to apply. She also announced that there are two Commission seats open and that there is a citizen-initiated ordinance on recreational marijuana establishments on the November 5th General Election Ballot.

The Commission recessed at 8:29 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:33 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:44 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to authorize the City Attorney to execute the consent to vacate part of the recorded plat in regard to the Fisher Transportation Company, et al v. Union Township, et al lawsuit. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 8:46 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:52 p.m.

WORK SESSION - 2020 Operating Budget

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the 2020 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will continue to incorporate generally agreed upon ideas into the 2020 proposed Operating Budget. Further discussion on the 2020 Operating Budget will be had at future work sessions.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:56 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk