

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 11, 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, Ling, Perschbacher and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner LaLonde

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Christopher Germain, Senior Planner with Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) for Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Katherine Czarnecki, Senior Vice President of Community Development for MEDC gave a presentation recognizing the City of Mt. Pleasant's certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community.

Discussion ensued.

City Planner Kain and Mayor Joseph presented the 2018 Community Improvement Awards to the selected property owners.

Commercial	1804 S. Mission	McDonalds
Residential	313 E. Gaylord	Rentwood Management LLC

Public Input on Agenda Items

Scott Hawken, 4040 James St., Rosebush, with APEX, spoke in support of the installation of wind turbines in Isabella County.

Alan Davis, 111 S. Coldwater Rd., spoke in opposition to wind turbines within 5 miles of the airport.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes. (October)
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (January)
4. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #1-2019.

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

1. Minutes of the special joint meeting of the City Commission held February 25, 2019.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 25, 2019.
3. Bid of Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$90,350 for the Fisher Lift Station project and approve a budget amendment of \$10,000 from the Wastewater Collection Reserve.
4. Receive City requests for Spring 2019 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocations.
5. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Standard Lighting Contract between the City and Consumers Energy for new LED street lighting on Maple Street and budget amendment for same.
6. Change April 8, 2019 City Commission regular meeting start time to 7:30 p.m.
7. Warrants dated February 15, 20 and 28, 2019 and Payrolls dated February 22 and 25, 2019 all totaling \$740,380.20.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to approve the addition of a part-time position at the airport and an airport expenditure budget amendment of \$15,000 for the same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to authorize the City Manager and Airport Manager to send drafted comments to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding wind turbine project as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick commented that some storm drains may be iced over and asked what people should do if they are plugged. Staff responded that residents should clear the ice if they can or call the Department of Public Works.

Commissioner Gillis announced that there are openings on the MRF and LDFA boards and encouraged residents to apply on-line at http://www.mt-pleasant.org/boards_and_commissions. She commented that she thinks the Commission should have another discussion on sidewalk snow removal, City sidewalks are covered in ice. She would like to see the City find a way to clear all City sidewalks.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Lisa Hadden, 3216 Vandecar, announced a Community Health Fair at City Hall on Saturday, March 16th from 10 – 4.

Alan Davis, 111 S. Coldwater Rd., spoke of concerns with wind turbines and safety issues.

Donald Schurr, 1600 Scully Rd., spoke in support of wind turbines in the area.

The Commission recessed at 7:53 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:05 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Work Sessions and Priority Setting

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on work sessions and priority setting.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will implement the following generally agreed upon items:

- Work sessions will be held on Mondays after regularly scheduled meetings and will last 1 hour with further approved increments of 15 minutes if needed
- List of potential work session discussions will be sent to Commissioners for ranking
- Staff will contact Dr. Joe Ohren in regards to scheduling facilitated goal setting sessions, preferably on March 23rd and March 30th

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. without objection.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk