

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Mary Alsager and George Ronan for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Commissioners Present: Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

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

City Clerk Howard conducted the election of Mayor.

City Clerk Howard opened nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Tolas nominated Commissioner Gillis for Mayor.

Commissioner Alsager nominated Commissioner Joseph for Mayor.

Nominations for Mayor were closed.

The Commission voted on the nominees for Mayor.

Commissioner Gillis received votes from Commissioners Gillis and Tolas.

Commissioner Joseph received votes from Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher and Ronan.

Commissioner Joseph was elected Mayor for 2020 by a majority of the votes of the full Commission.

Mayor Joseph opened nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Tolas nominated Commissioner Gillis for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner LaLonde nominated Commissioner Perschbacher for Vice Mayor.

Nominations for Vice Mayor were closed.

The Commission voted on the nominees for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Gillis received votes from Commissioners Gillis and Tolas.

Commissioner Perschbacher received votes from Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher and Ronan.

Commissioner Perschbacher was elected Vice Mayor for 2020.

#### Set Time and Day of Regular Meetings

Moved by Commissioner LaLonde and supported by Commissioner Ronan to adopt the resolution setting time and day of regular meetings as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2020 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m. (except for May in which the second meeting of the month will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month and December in which the second meeting of the month will be held on the third Monday of the month) in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway beginning January 27, 2020. Resolution unanimously adopted.

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Joseph read and presented a proclamation in support of Peacemaking Recognition Day, January 20, 2020, to Laura Gourlay of the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Peacemaking Committee.

City Clerk Howard gave an update on the 2020 Census in the City of Mt. Pleasant.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
  - a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
2. Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Meeting Minutes. (October)
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (November)
4. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (November)
5. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Meeting Minutes. (November)
6. Correspondence received from Steven Berkshire, daeberk@yahoo.com, regarding rental licensing.
7. Correspondence received from the Home Builders Association, 2026 Independence Dr., regarding the zoning ordinance.
8. Listing of payrolls and warrants from December 10, 2019 through January 9, 2020.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held December 9, 2019.
2. Bid of Fisher Transportation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for street sweepings disposal in the amount of \$24.38/ton for 2020 and 2021.
3. Bid of Green Scene Landscaping of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for 2020 and 2021 grounds mowing in the amount of \$315 per week for street boulevards, islands and drain areas, and \$385 per week for the former Mt. Pleasant Center Property.
4. Bid of Ted's Electric Service, Inc. of Midland, Michigan for the removal and replacement of two generators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Pickard Street Lift Station at a cost of \$207,245 and authorize the budget amendment.
5. Resolution establishing authorized City signatories for MERS documents as presented.
6. Resolutions #1 and #2 To Commence Proceedings For Special Assessment, Tentatively Determine The Necessity, And Set A Public Hearing For January 27, 2020, Regarding the Necessity of Special Assessment District #1-20 as follows:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-20  
RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant and Chapter 33: TAXATION, Section 33.17 "Authority to Assess", of the Code of Ordinances, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant may commence proceedings for the making of local public improvements within the City and determine the tentative necessity thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission has tentatively deemed it to be in the public interest, health and welfare to install pedestrian street lights on Michigan St. between Washington St. and Oak St. in the City Special Assessment District No. 1-20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

- The City Manager is directed to cause to be prepared a report which shall include all analysis and information required by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report", of the Code of Ordinances.
- When the aforesaid report is completed, the City Manager shall file the same with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.
- All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-20  
RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared a report concerning certain public improvements in Special Assessment District No. 1-20, which includes all of the information to be included by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report" of the City's Code of Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said report; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant determines that it is tentatively necessary to acquire and construct the public improvements in the City of Mt. Pleasant more particularly hereinafter described in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

- The City Commission hereby tentatively determines that the public improvements described more particularly hereinafter provided for are necessary.

- The total cost of said improvements is estimated to be \$120,000.00. The amount of \$80,084.02 shall be spread over the special assessment district as hereinafter described as a result of benefits to be received by the affected properties in the special assessment district. \$39,915.98 shall be paid by the City-at-large.

- Said special assessment district shall consist of all the lots and parcels of land as follows: install pedestrian street lights on Michigan St. between Washington St. and Oak St. in the City Special Assessment District No. 1-20.

- Said estimated life of such public improvements is not less than fifteen (15) years.

- The affected properties in the special assessment district shall be assessed in accordance with the relative portion of the sum to be levied in the district, as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels.

- The aforesaid report shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk where the same shall be available for public examination.

- The City Commission shall meet on January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., for the purpose of hearing public input on the making of said public improvements.

- The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of said hearing to be published and mailed in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions.

- All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

7. Appointments of City Officials to applicable City boards and commissions for 2020:

**Building Authority**

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl

**Center for Applied Research Technology/**

**Local Development Finance Authority**

City Manager Nancy Ridley

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl, as alternate

**9-1-1/Central Dispatch Governing Board**

Fire Chief Rick Beltinck

Police Captain Andy Latham, as alternate

**Isabella County Material Recovery**

**Facility Governing Board**

Street Superintendent Matt Weaver

**MML Legislative Coordinator**

City Manager Nancy Ridley

**Mid-Michigan Area Cable and**

**Telecommunications Consortium Board**

Public Relations Coordinator Darcy Orlik

City Clerk Jeremy Howard, as alternate

**Middle Michigan Development Corporation**

Economic Development Director Bill Mrdeza

City Manager Nancy Ridley, as alternate

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract amendment with McKenna Associates and authorized a budget allocation of \$12,500 from the Unassigned Fund for the same. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Tolas spoke of concerns with zoning ordinance related to roof pitches required and would like a legal opinion from the attorney.

Commissioner Ronan asked if further discussions were going to be had with HBA and brought back to the Commission.

Commissioner Gillis spoke of concerns with zoning ordinance related to roof pitches required and would like a legal opinion from the attorney.

Mayor Joseph announced the ICRH is in need of volunteers. Visit [icrhouse.org](http://icrhouse.org) for information.

City Manager Ridley introduced Jason Moore as Interim DPW Director.

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

Meredith Wiles (SGA Liaison to City Commission) 3700 E. Deerfield, invited everyone to the Environmental Advocacy Conference at CMU on February 7 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Kory Neal, 115 Essex Dr., spoke regarding City possibly implementing an ordinance to allow pedal trolleys on City streets.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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William Joseph, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk