

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor William Joseph and Vice Mayor Amy Perschbacher; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Lori Gillis, George Ronan and Petro Tolas. All present commissioners indicated they were in Mt. Pleasant in Isabella County, MI.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Kristin LaLonde

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley and Acting City Clerk Chris Saladine

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Proclamations and Presentations

Fire Chief Beltinck gave a presentation on the Fire Department.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #14 "Consider approving electronic participation procedures for virtual meetings" was added to the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Third Quarter Investment Report.
3. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (September)

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held October 12, 2020.
2. Minutes of the electronically conducted closed session held October 12, 2020.
3. Authorize extension of the agreement with Coyne Oil for the purchase of fuel until December 31, 2025 as presented.
4. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement with Alltel Corporation for co-location on the cell tower at 805 S. Bradley.
5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amended Street Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy for the removal of a street light near 700 Edgewood Drive.
6. Set a public hearing for November 23, 2020 on the expected Planning Commission recommendation to amend Section 154.405.A to update standards in the CD-3L, CD-3 and CD-4 zoning districts regarding residential housing standards.
7. Warrants dated October 14 & 22, 2020 and Payrolls dated October 16, 2020 all totaling \$721,573.45.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the resolution adopting the Articles of Incorporation for the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority as presented.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County and State of Michigan has determined that it wishes to participate in a recreational authority with certain powers as provided for at MCL 123.1131 et. seq. and

WHEREAS, Articles of Incorporation have been drafted and are attached as Exhibit One and

WHEREAS, the proposed articles have been published one time in The Morning Sun, a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Mt. Pleasant, County of Isabella and State of Michigan and

WHEREAS, MCL 123.1135 (3) directs that the articles of incorporation, "shall be adopted and may be amended by an affirmative vote of majority of the members serving on the legislative body of each participating municipality",

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County and State of Michigan resolves to adopt the Articles of Incorporation attached as Exhibit One.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance to MCL 123.1135 (5)(6) "Upon adoption of the articles or amendments to the articles by each of the participating municipalities, a printed copy of the articles or the amended articles shall be filed with the secretary of the state by the clerk of the last participating municipality to adopt the articles or amendments. The authority's articles of incorporation, or amendments to the articles, take effect upon filing with the secretary of state."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT If all of the participating entities do not adopt these articles they shall be void as to any entity that has adopted them.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, Perschbacher & Ronan
NAYS: Commissioner Tolas
ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to extend the authority of utility billing staff to set up payment plans until March 31, 2021 and support the reinstatement of water shut-offs beginning December, 2020.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the electronic participation procedures for virtual meetings as presented. (CC Exh 13-2020)

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde

Motion unanimously carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Tolas thanked IT staff for quick recovery from ransomware attack.

Commissioner Gillis encouraged residents to vote and to apply for board and commission vacancies. She commented on the population decline from 2010 census count.

Mayor Joseph thanked IT staff for quick ransomware response. He encouraged residents to vote in upcoming election either in-person at polling location on election day or by absentee ballot at the clerk's office prior to the election. He announced that COVID-19 cases are increasing in Michigan and asked residents and visitors to please wear masks and practice social distancing in an effort to halt the spread of the virus.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Due to the meeting being held electronically, public comments were emailed to the city and then read aloud by the City Manager.

Deborah Cary, 7434 Howard City-Edmore Rd., discussed Commission decision to only allow three recreational marihuana licenses.

Electronic communication received about protecting the right to peacefully protest from Norma Bailey, Sara Saffa and John Lorand.

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

WORK SESSION – Discuss 2050 Master Plan

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the proposed 2050 Master Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:40 p.m.