

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 10, 2020, 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 Perschbacher;
Commissioners Alsager and Ronan

Commissioners Absent: Commissions Gillis, LaLonde and Tolas

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mt. Pleasant Police Officer Jason Haines was introduced and sworn in by Public Safety Director Lauria.

Mayor Joseph read and presented a Proclamation to members of the Mt. Pleasant Area League of Women Voters in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the United States League of Women Voters.

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;
 - b. Vehicle/Bicyclist and Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident Data for 2019.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (November)
3. Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes. (November)
4. Fourth Quarter Investment Report.
5. Receipt of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
6. Receipt of Planning Commission's 2019 Annual Report.
7. Correspondence received from Dave Duba, 219 W. Cherry St., in opposition to Special Assessment District 1-2020.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 27, 2020.
2. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held February 3, 2020.
3. Bid of Thielen Turf Irrigation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for Island Park ball field irrigation in the amount of \$26,800.
4. Bid of Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the Island Park Bridge and Trail Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$414,500 and the appropriate budget amendments.
5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amended Standard Street Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy as presented.

6. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an amendment to the assessing services contract with Coucke Property Services, LLC as presented.
7. Warrants dated January 22 & 31, 2020 and Payrolls dated January 24, 2020 all totaling \$872,070.34.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.03 "Medical Marihuana Facilities" of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances to provide greater clarity on what materials are needed upon application. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager that Ordinance 1055, an Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 112, Section 112.03 "Medical Marihuana Facilities" of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances to provide greater clarity on what materials are needed upon application having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, Perschbacher and Ronan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Gillis, LaLonde and Tolas

Motion carried.

Public Hearing on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Infrastructure Resiliency Grant application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to authorize the resolution and development plan for the Community Development Block Grant for Infrastructure and Resiliency through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as presented.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its CDBG-Infrastructure and Resiliency (CDBG-IR) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant desires to request \$1,700,000 in CDBG funds to make improvements at the wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant commits local funds from its sewer fund in the amount of \$836,900; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 63.6 percent of the residents of the City of Mt. Pleasant are low and moderate income persons as determined by an income survey approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby designates the City Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager to postpone action on Special Assessment District #1-2020 until a future meeting where at least five commissioners are present for discussion. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to consent to the recording of the restrictive covenants from the EDA for the City owned parcel and EDC owned parcel in Industrial Park South. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Mayor Joseph announced that the ICRH is still in need of volunteers. For more information visit their web site at icrhouse.org

The Commission recessed at 7:35 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:45 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Presentation and discussion on Central Michigan University Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies (CARRS) Report on Mayor Election Research.

Dr. Frim Ampaw, Director of Center for Applied Research Studies gave a presentation on "Mayoral Election Process of Selected Cities in Michigan with a Council/Manager form of Government."

Discussion ensued.

Further discussion at the Charter Committee level will take place and a recommendation will be brought to the full commission.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:03 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk