

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 23, 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 in person: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Perschbacher; Commissioners Alsager, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Present via phone: Commissioners Gillis and LaLonde

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Public Input on Agenda Items

Glen Irwin, II, 1018 Sweeney St. spoke in opposition to approval of Resolution #5 to approve the roll and set payment terms for Special Assessment District #1-2020 as postponed from March 9, 2020 and also would like to see further future funding to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA).

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items:
2. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (February)
3. Correspondence received from Michael Moutsatson for Moutsatson Rentals LLC Gaylord Street, 801-819 regarding request for exemption from solid waste bag/tag system.
4. Correspondence received from Ryan Litwiller, 1036 S. Fancher, regarding overnight parking.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas 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 March 9, 2020.
2. Bid of Lakeshore Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for 2020 New Sidewalk and Sidewalk Replacement Project in the amount of \$164,336 and approve a budget amendment of \$21,340 from Major and Local Streets.
3. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the revised sewer agreement with Nottawa Township as presented.
4. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the easement document with Nottawa Township as presented.
5. Warrants dated March 3, 4, 11 & 12, 2020 and Payrolls dated March 6, 2020 all totaling \$818,515.21.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Tolas to deny Resolution #5 and instead authorize a budget amendment of \$17,400 from the Capital Improvement Fund to fund the remaining cost of the street light improvements.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve Option A (add lighting with irrigation) and to award the contract for the 2020 Michigan Street Reconstruction Project to McGuirk Sand and Gravel, of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for \$496,121 and appropriate budget amendments.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

Approved submission of City requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations with a summary of the Commission's top priorities.

Mayor Joseph made the following appointment to boards and commissions.

COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

Mayor Joseph

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley gave a report on the status of city operations due to COVID-19 and thanked the public, staff, and commissioners for their work and understanding.

Mayor Joseph thanked the community and staff as well as State leaders for being resilient and doing the work necessary during this COVID-19 crisis and encouraged everyone to continue practicing social distancing. He also thanked the community for their support and generosity to the Isabella County Restoration House and guests to help accelerate housing accommodations due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Tolas thanked staff and Public Safety for their work during this time of crisis.

Commissioner Alsager stated that she agreed with City Manager Ridley that some fees will need to be suspended during this time of crisis.

Commissioner Lalonde encouraged everyone to stay safe and be kind to one another.

Commissioner Gillis thanked staff and fellow Commissioners for pulling together to make the City Commission meeting happen electronically and also thanked Public Safety and medical workers for their work during this time of crisis.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

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

Scott Krause spoke requesting the city issue a stay at home order to protect essential employees and health care providers of Mt. Pleasant.

Tony Kulick asked if since the Isabella County Resource Recovery Center will be shut down for the foreseeable future and there will be no curbside recycling the city has considered any sort of refund for the recycling fee? He also questioned if the city was going to go to a zero interest for the Michigan street lighting special assessment shouldn't the city go back and refund interest paid on other special assessments levied over the past 10 years?

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:54 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk