

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 9, 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, Gillis, Ronan and Tolas (left 8:24 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner LaLonde

Others Present: Director Lauria, Director Kornexl and City Attorney Homier

Proclamations and Presentations

City Planner Kain 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. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes. (October)
3. Correspondence received from Donald Inman, 311 W. Michigan St. and Glen Irwin, 1018 Sweeney St. regarding Special Assessment #01-2020.
4. Correspondence received from Ryan Litwiller, 1036 S. Fancher, regarding overnight parking.
5. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #1-2020.
6. Letter at the dais from Jeremy Sheets, 1740 Leroy Ln, regarding Special Assessment #01-2020.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 24, 2020.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held February 24, 2020.
3. Bid of Block Farm Operations, LLC of Weidman, Michigan for the 2020 Lime Residuals Removal project at a cost of \$21.25 per cubic yard and a not-to exceed contract amount of \$200,000. Funds are available in the Water Lagoon Reserve.
4. Authorize an advanced commitment of 500 tons of road salt for early delivery as seasonal backup for 2021 through the State of Michigan MiDeal Purchasing Program.
5. Approve the resolution as part of the grant process for the 2020 Brown Street Reconstruction Project as presented.

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (MDOT Contract No. 20-5060) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract for reimbursement of funds to the City for the 2020 Brown Street Reconstruction Project, including all related work, and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and improvements made to Brown Street will improve safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

6. Receive City requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocations. No action required at this time.
7. Warrants dated February 18, 24, 25 & 26, 2020 and Payrolls dated February 21, 2020 all totaling \$607,524.10.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2020 and consider approval of Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the special assessment district. Correspondence was received from Donald Inman, 311 W. Michigan St. and Glen Irwin, 1018 Sweeney St., in opposition to Special Assessment #01-2020. Glen Irwin, 1018 Sweeney St., spoke in opposition to Special Assessment #1-2020.

There being no additional communications or comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve Resolution #5 for Special Assessment District 1-2020 as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to amend the motion to lower the interest rate on payback from 3% to 0%.

Moved by Mayor Joseph and supported by Commissioner Alsager to postpone action on Special Assessment District 1-2020 until the next meeting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to postpone action on the bid for Michigan Street Reconstruction until the next meeting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve a budget amendment of \$40,000 from the Economic Initiatives Fund to the TIFA-CBD to be used for marketing and promotion as outlined in the recommendation dated February 25, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to amend the original motion to add: "in accordance with the February 2020 Revised Annual Budget Allocation". Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission considered the original motion with amendment.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, Perschbacher, Ronan and Tolas
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Ronan to vote by roll call on the issue of agreement with Michigan Community Capital for the administration of the EGLE grant for 410 W. Broadway as drafted by the City Attorney.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, Ronan and Tolas

NAYS: Commissioner Perschbacher

ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement with Michigan Community Capital for the administration of the EGLE grant for 410 W. Broadway as drafted by the City Attorney.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, Perschbacher and Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas

ABSENT: Commissioner LaLonde

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Mayor Joseph to make the following appointments as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Building, Fire and Sanitary

Sewer Board of Appeals

Term Expires:

James Kridler

December 31, 2022

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jeffrey Fisher

December 31, 2021

Principal Shopping District Board

Kristin Batzner

December 31, 2023

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Vice Mayor Perschbacher announced that James and the Giant Peach will be showing at the Broadway Theatre this weekend and next.

Mayor Joseph announced there are two issues on the March 10, 2020 ballot: Presidential Primary and RESD millage proposal.

Commissioner Tolas voiced his concerns about AKT Peerless Report attached to the 2% request for landfill.

Commissioner Gillis stated that she also has concerns about AKT Peerless Report and cost to investigate landfill. She also addressed committee assignments again.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Rick Swindlehurst, 128 S. Main, thanked the Commission for approving the budget amendment of \$40,000 from the Economic Initiatives Fund to the TIFA-CBD and shared concerns about downtown businesses.

The Commission recessed at 8:13 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:24 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Solid waste pick up discussion for non-single family residential buildings.

Mayor Joseph and Director Lauria led a discussion on solid waste pick up for non-single family residential buildings.

Discussion ensued.

Recommend to investigate an optional cart program for duplexes and triplexes and investigate if Pheasant Run should be exempt from residential refuse requirements.

WORK SESSION - Conference Room E renovation review.

Mayor Joseph and Director Lauria led a discussion on Conference Room E renovation review.

Discussion ensued.

Recommended to proceed with Conference Room E renovations as discussed and approved in the 2020 Operating Budget.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:05 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk