

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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, LaLonde, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Presentations and Proclamations

City Manager Ridley announced Interim Director Jason Moore as the new Division of Public Works Director.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. First Quarter Investment Report.

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 April 13, 2020.
2. Authorize amendment to construction engineering and design services contract with Rowe Professional Services Company in the amount of \$25,600 for 1MG Reservoir Bypass Project and budget amendment on same.
3. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Resolution authorizing the approval of a contract for partial reimbursement of funds for 2020 M-20 (High Street) Pump Station Rehabilitation Project.

WHEREAS, a Contract Agreement (MDOT Contract No. 20-5098) 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 by the City to MDOT for the 2020 M-20 (High Street) Pump Station Rehabilitation Project, and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitations made to the M-20 (High Street) pump station will improve storm water management infrastructure in the City; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager be authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

4. Warrants dated April 14 & 21, 2020 and Payrolls dated April 17, 2020 all totaling \$594,035.51.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the resolution regarding recreational marijuana establishment license deadlines as presented. (CC Exh. 2-2020)

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley gave an update on the City's response to the stay at home order in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and gave some information and potential plans for items such as rental housing inspections and upcoming leaf pickup dates. She also thanked staff, commission, citizens, public and especially frontline workers both for their understanding during these difficult times and for their hard work.

Mayor Joseph announced that CMU students will be moving out of the dorms next week and citizens should expect extra traffic during that time. He reminded the community that wearing protective masks is now required under the State of Michigan Executive Order when entering shops and stores.

WORK SESSION - Potential options for local relief.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on potential options for local relief to City residents and businesses due to COVID-19.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will work on items that had general agreement and will bring those items back to the Commission for discussion and action at a future meeting.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:20 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk