

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 22, 2021, 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, Olivia Cyman, Lori Gillis, George Ronan and Petro Tolas. All Commissioners present indicated they were in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan.

Commissioners Absent: None

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

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Proclamations and Presentations

Myra VanSyckle, Coordinator ROAM Care, and Dr. Sethu Reddy, Chair of Medicine at Central Michigan University gave a presentation on Rural Older Adult Mobile (ROAM) Care program.

City Planner Kain and Mayor Joseph presented the 2020 Community Improvement Awards to the selected property owners.

Commercial	114 S. Main	Keith Palmer Jr.
Residential	520 N. Brown	Melinda Wischmeyer

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (January)
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (November)
4. Resignation of Jeffrey Fisher from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held February 8, 2021.
2. Bid of Central Asphalt of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the 2021 DPS Parking Lot Mill and Resurface project in the amount of \$74,652.
3. Authorize the confirmation of the MERS Agreement Addendum for deferred compensation plans by Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl as presented.
4. Approve appointment of Corey Friedrich as the representative of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term as recommended by the Planning Commission.

5. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 52: WATER, §52.12 *Cross Connections* and §52.29 *Right of Entry of City Employees* of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances and set a public hearing for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
6. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 154: ZONING ORDINANCES, §154.203F *Residential/Dwelling Use Restriction*, §154.410.B *Special Uses* and Table 154.410.A *Building and Lot Principal Use* of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances to permit residential/ dwelling uses under certain circumstances as recommended by the Planning Commission; and set a public hearing for Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
7. Warrants dated February 3, 4, 9 and 11, 2021 and Payrolls dated February 5, 2021 all totaling \$782,996.75.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to authorize the Mayor to sign the appropriate documents for a drain easement across Mission Creek Park as presented.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Tolas to confirm the appointment of Heather Bouck as City Clerk and Christopher Saladine and Mary Ann Kornexl as Deputy City Clerks.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Vice Mayor Perschbacher reminded the community of the various board and commission openings that are listed on the City's website, http://www.mt-pleasant.org/boards_and_commissions/.

Commissioner Gillis thanked the community for sustained efforts to combat COVID-19; and thanked the Health Department and volunteers that assisted with vaccinations.

Commissioner Tolas inquired about concerns about downtown snow removal and mentioned that there are some vehicles that are not moving during snow events which makes snow plowing more difficult.

Mayor Joseph reminded the community that the food bank, homeless shelter and Clothing, Inc. are in need of donations and/or volunteers.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Wallace Weiss, 1617 E. Gaylord, shared his concerns about local police departments not getting enough recognition from the community and commission. He also shared concerns about defunding the police.

The Commission recessed at 8:00 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:08 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Goals/Objectives discussion.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on commission goals and objectives.

Discussion ensued.

WORK SESSION - Draft work session schedule.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on work session schedule.

Discussion ensued.

General agreement was reached to initially focus work sessions on economic development issues.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:32 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Christopher Saladine, Acting City Clerk