

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with virtual options.

Mayor Perschbacher called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Amy Perschbacher and Vice Mayor Mary Alsager; Commissioners Liz Busch, Bryan Chapman, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Brian Assmann

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz and City Clerk Heather Bouck

### Proclamations and Presentations

Public Safety Director Lauria introduced and swore in Mt. Pleasant Police Officer Dave Coffman and introduced new records office professional Terrie House.

### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to approve the Agenda as amended with the addition of item #20 The Care Store Gaming Resolution. Motion unanimously adopted.

### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

3. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission January Meeting Minutes.
5. Planning Commission February Meeting Minutes.
6. 2022 Annual Report.
7. 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

8. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 27, 2023.
9. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held March 6, 2023.
10. Amendment to purchase authorization for police vehicles.
11. Resolution to purchase, acquire and construct improvements to the Water Resource Recovery System and to publish notice of intent to issue revenue bonds as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it to be in the best interests of the City of Mt. Pleasant (the "City") to design, purchase, acquire and construct certain improvements to the City's Water Resource Recovery System and the wastewater treatment facility, including without limitation, equalization improvements, septage screen unit and building improvements, grit vortex tank improvements, grit handling building improvements, digester improvements, site grading and restoration work, upgrade and replace primary, biological, and final filtration treatment processes, encompassing the existing primary tanks, tertiary towers, rotating biological contactors, and final tanks with new treatment technology, design and implement new processes to better handle loading demands more efficiently, as well as all work, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these improvements and such other improvements to the Water Resource Recovery System as the City may determine to make (the "Improvements"), and to finance the Improvements by the issuance of bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended ("Act 94"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33 of Act 94, it is necessary to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City may proceed with the Improvements prior to the issuance of the bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City may incur substantial capital expenditures for the Improvements prior to the issuance of the bonds, and desires to be reimbursed for such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City Commission determines to design, purchase, acquire, and construct the Improvements and to pay the cost through the issuance of one or more series of revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94 for the Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 (the "Bonds").

2. A Notice of Intent to issue the Bonds be published in accordance with Section 33 of Act 94, and the Clerk of the City is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, which Notice shall be substantially in the form on the attached Exhibit A, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager of the City.

3. The City may proceed to acquire and construct the Improvements using available funds of the City from the Water Resource Recovery Fund, which is a fund for the Water Resource Recovery System of the City, and other funds of the City.

4. At such time as the City issues the Bonds for the long-term financing of the Improvements, the City shall be reimbursed for its expenditures for the Improvements out of the proceeds of the Bonds.

5. This resolution and the expression of intent to seek reimbursement from future proceeds of the Bonds is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

6. The firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC is hereby employed as bond counsel to the City to prepare the documents for the issuance of the Bonds for financing acquisition of the Improvements and the officers of the City are

authorized to enter into an engagement letter with bond counsel with fees as shown in the reports of the City's municipal advisor.

**All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.**

12. Contract for reimbursement with Isabella County Road Commission for the Pickard-Bradley traffic signal. The City's share of the project is \$84,100 and is included in the fiscal year 2023 budget.
13. Contract with G.A. Hunt Excavating, LLC of St. Johns, Michigan for the 2023 storm sewer extension project in the amount of \$164,101.04.
14. Contract with PlanIT Geo, Inc., of Arvada, Colorado for tree inventory services in the amount of \$29,645.
15. Purchase of Aktivov Asset Management Software in the amount of \$37,962.00 and budget amendment of \$15,000 from the General Fund for same.
16. Receive City requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocations.
17. Warrants dated March 2 and 8, 2023 all totaling \$455,026.38.

Motion unanimously adopted.

John Zang and Lisa Sytsema provided a presentation on the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority audit requirement.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Eke to approve waiver of audit requirement for Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve proposal for comprehensive analysis of fire services from the Center for Public Safety Management and budget amendment for same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve the resolution for The Care Store in relation to their application for a State of Michigan Gaming License. Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Announcements on City-Related Issues And New Business

Commissioner Eke announced CMU would be hosting the annual Pow Wow on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at McGuirk Arena. The International Relations Committee will be hosting high school students from Japan the end of July. March is Women's History month.

Commissioner Chapman shared the raffle to support The Care Store will be taking place April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Busch announced the Mt Pleasant High School Musical *Mamma Mia* is taking place this weekend, March 17-19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Wingard shared his thoughts on the overnight parking tickets recently being enforced and his appreciation for the City Staff and the follow-up that took place.

Director Lauria reminded everyone that Friday is St Patrick's Day. There will be extra patrols on staff for the event and to be safe.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk