

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 27, 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 Brian Assmann, Liz Busch, Bryan Chapman, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board February Meeting Minutes.

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

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 13, 2023.
3. Commitment to purchase 500 tons of road salt for the 2023-2024 season through the State of Michigan MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program.
4. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Resolution authorizing a five year contract for continued operation and maintenance of the AWOS system at the Mt. Pleasant Airport.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation provides services consisting of data dissemination and maintenance related to the AWOS system at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant supports these services for providing an added level of safety at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the annual costs to the City of Mt. Pleasant are on a 50% cost sharing formula with MDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aaron Desentz, City Manager, be authorized to execute MDOT contract 2023-0310 on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

5. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 110: General Licensing of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances and set a public hearing for Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on same.

6. Bid of McGuirk Sand and Gravel of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the 2023 Local Streets Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$416,908 and budget amendment of \$33,230 in Local Street fund and \$1,690 in Storm Sewer fund and a corresponding transfer from Local Street fund.
7. Purchase of a 2022 Ford Transit Van from Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$33,911 for the City's Recreation Department.
8. Warrants dated March 22, 2023 all totaling \$448,914.74.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to authorize City staff to seek funding opportunities of approximately \$10,000 to construct a universally accessible community garden/orchard at Horizon Park and consider resolution to set the rental fee for plots as follows.

WHEREAS, the City Parks & Recreation Commission at the January 31, 2023 special meeting considered and recommended that the City Commission take action to approve City staff to seek funding opportunities for a universally accessible community garden/orchard at Horizon Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission approved City staff to seek funding opportunities for a universally accessible community garden/orchard at Horizon Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted fee/charges policy guidelines in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, the policy allows for exceptions to charging a fee set to cover the entire cost of program that doesn't benefit all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a review of the charges by similar communities shows the average rate of \$30; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the annual fee for the plot rental be set at \$30.

Motion unanimously adopted.

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

WORK SESSION - Discussion on Central Michigan University Strategic Planning.

Joe Garrison, Executive Director of Financial Planning and Budgets led a discussion regarding Central Michigan University's Strategic Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk