

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with virtual options.

Vice Mayor Alsager called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Vice Mayor Mary Alsager; Commissioners Brian Assmann, Liz Busch, Bryan Chapman & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Mayor Amy Perschbacher and Commissioner Maureen Eke

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Loryn Smith of Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) presented a check in the amount of \$75,000 to Fire Chief Doug Lobsinger for Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP).

James McBryde, Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) President & CEO, gave an update on 2022 Industrial Facilities Tax Abatements (IFTs).

Vice Mayor Alsager moved Item #4 "Resignation of Tom Delia from CRDL Board of Trustees"; and read a Proclamation from the Chippewa River District Library Board acknowledging Tom Delia's years of service.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

3. Receipt of annual Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement Report from Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC).
4. Item moved to Proclamations and Presentations section.
5. Downtown Development Authority April Meeting Minutes.

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

6. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 12, 2023.
7. One-year extension to the Municipal Recycling Curbside Collection Services contract with Mid-Michigan Industries (MMI) of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with an \$8,400 cap for 2024.
8. Contract with Gateway Refrigeration of Clare, Michigan for replacement of two boilers serving the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$99,590 and accompanying budget amendment.
9. Payrolls and Warrants dated June 6, 7, 15 & 16, 2023 all totaling \$2,071,568.00.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Tim Middleton, Public Works Deputy Director provided a presentation on the Phase II construction and bid.

Moved by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Busch to award the contract for Phase II WRRF upgrades to RCL Construction, of Sanford, Michigan in the amount of \$25,871,555 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract contingent on available financing and pending value engineering.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, wishes to construct improvements to its existing wastewater treatment plant that will address most of the critical issues of the aging infrastructure, restores the plant to its design capacity, and increase the plant's longevity; and

WHEREAS, the wastewater system improvements project plan formally adopted on May 23, 2022 will be funded through Michigan's CWSRF Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt Pleasant has sought and received construction bids for the proposed improvements and has received a bid in the amount of \$25,871,555 from RCL Construction Co., Inc; and

WHEREAS, the project engineer, Fishbeck, has recommended awarding the contract to the bidder RCL Construction Co., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Public Works, Tim Middleton, has recommended awarding the contract to the bidder, RCL Construction Co., Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan that:

FIRST, The City of Mt Pleasant tentatively award the contract for the proposed plant improvements for Phase II to RCL Construction Co., Inc., contingent upon successful financial arrangements.

SECOND, the Mayor and City Clerk are instructed and authorized to sign, without further Commission action, the contract with RCL Construct Co., Inc., in the amount of \$25,871,555.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Busch, Chapman & Wingard

NAYS: Commissioner Assmann

ABSENT: Commissioners Eke & Perschbacher

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Vice Mayor Alsager announced that she attended the Farmer's Market on Saturday, providing three hours of time and believes this was well received. Additionally, she is happy to share that the State of Michigan received \$1.5 billion in broadband infrastructure funding to expand services throughout the State.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Ron Bauer, RCL Construction, expressed his appreciation to the City for the business and although RCL was the only bid, the bid was completed in competition with the City's budget. He is grateful for the business and for their subcontractors.

Moved by Commissioner Chapman and seconded by Commissioner Busch to consult with the city attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with City of Mt. Pleasant v Michelle Lange, et al, Court of Claims Case No. 23-000034-MB, because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann, Busch, Chapman & Wingard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Eke & Perschbacher

Motion carried.

The Commission recessed at 7:46 p.m. and went into Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the Closed Session.

Moved by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 8:13p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mary Alsager, Vice Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk