

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 27, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Lents called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Lents and Vice Mayor Madaj; Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde and Ling

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Lents and Lara Raisanen, Chairperson of the Historic District Commission, presented the 2017 Historic Preservation Improvement Award to George Ronan, 201 S. University, for the renovation of the granite stairs on the front of the building which is phase three in a series of preservation projects on the building.

Finance Director Kornexl introduced newly hired Public Relations Director Darcy Orlik.

Airport Manager Brickner gave a presentation on the City's Airport.

Discussion ensued.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

A moment of silence for Senator John McCain was added to the agenda.

A moment of silence was observed for Senator John McCain.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Airport Advisory Board Minutes. (July)
3. Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District (TIFA/PSD) Minutes. (July)
4. Correspondence received from Carolynn Anderson and Douglas Downhour regarding sidewalk snow clearing.
5. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #7-2018.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held August 13, 2018.

2. Bid of Rowe Professional Services of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for engineering design and construction services for the 2019 bridge repairs for Lincoln Bridge and Broadway Street Bridge at a not-to-exceed cost of \$41,730.
3. Received a proposed Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 53, Section 53.01: Storm Sewer District No. 1, of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances, in its entirety and set a public hearing for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comment on same.
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign the MEDC grant agreement for the \$15,000 grant toward the branding project.
5. Warrants dated August 3, 7, & 16, 2018 and Payrolls dated August 10, 2018 all totaling \$1,481,693.68.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Kulick to postpone action on the revised Sewer Lead Policy and request a legal opinion clarifying the City responsibility and property owner responsibility in the various situations that may require changing the lead sewer line from a back yard hookup to a front yard hookup. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to confirm the sale of the approximately four acre parcel in Industrial Park South from the EDC to Rice & Diggs LLC for \$75,000. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to authorize the allocation of \$3,000 toward hosting the Back to the Bricks Promo Tour in June, 2019. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick thanked all staff and partners that helped with Welcome Weekend; he commented that Union Township working together with the City on the upcoming little league tournament is nice to see; and commented that the 6:30 p.m. start time of commission meetings has worked fine in his opinion.

Director Lauria announced that Welcome Weekend was a success as calls for service were down and he appreciates all the support from other agencies.

Mayor Lents thanked staff for work on Welcome Weekend.

Commissioner Gillis announced board and commission openings for the EDC and Historic District - applications can be found on the City's website www.mt-pleasant.org; she reminded residents that meetings and work sessions can be viewed on MacTV; she commented that there were several entries in the check registry for Brownfield disbursements and thanked the public for their support of the Brownfields; and she announced free brush pickup program beginning September 10 and directed residents to start signing up through the Department of Public Works, 989-779-5401.

The Commission recessed at 7:18 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:28 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Proposed amendment to Chapter 30: Commission, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Mayor Lents led a discussion on proposed amendments to Chapter 30: Commission, of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will complete the draft of Chapter 30 and 31 amendments for introduction and setting of a public hearing by the City Commission at a future meeting.

The Commission recessed at 8:02 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:06 p.m. Closed session ended at 8:34 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk