

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 23, 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

Isabella County Parks and Recreation Director Sue Ann Kopmeyer gave a presentation on the Isabella County Parks Millage renewal that is on the ballot for the upcoming August 7th election.

Chippewa River District Library (CRDL) Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator Lisa McCartney gave a presentation on the CRDL millage renewal that is on the ballot for the upcoming August 7th election.

Jim McBryde, President, Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) and Erin Strang, President and CEO, Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC) gave a quarterly update on the status of MMDC.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Lents read and presented a proclamation recognizing Central Michigan University President Dr. George Ross.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #14: "Consider License Agreement with Central Michigan University for wayfinding signs." was removed from the agenda.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Larry Lemke, 323 S. Kinney; Brian Dufort, 510 E. Andre and Bailey McCaul, 518 N. Fancher, spoke in opposition to Special Assessment District #6-2018.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Airport Advisory Board Minutes. (June)
3. Second Quarter Investment Report.

4. Receipt of Neighborhood Wellness Census 2017 Summary Report.
5. Communication received from Greg and Margaret Travis, 522 N. Fancher, in opposition to Special Assessment District #6-2018.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 9, 2018.
2. Bid of Jorgensen Ford Sales, of Detroit, Michigan in the amount of \$111,111.11 for a 2018 Aerial Lift Truck.
3. Resolution authorizing Michigan Arts Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Project Mini-Grant submission for painting the intersection as follows:

Whereas, the City of Mount Pleasant working with community partners wishes to expand the Paint the Intersection public art project in downtown to help serve the community's arts for the fiscal year 2019, and;

Whereas, the proposed Paint the Intersections project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City's current Master Plan, and;

Whereas the proposed 2019 Paint the Intersection project and grant application were discussed at a public meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission held July 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, and;

Whereas, The City of Mount Pleasant has committed to providing \$1,000 in-kind funds toward the project cost from City staff for assistance in event planning, logistics, road closures and day-of event oversight;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Mount Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of a 2019 Michigan Arts Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs grant application for the 2019 Paint the Intersections project.

4. Warrants dated July 6, 11, 17 and 18 and Payrolls dated July 13, 2018 all totaling \$1,717,210.33.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve Resolution #3B as presented regarding Special Assessment District #6-2018 to stop the special assessment process without prejudice which would allow the residents to bring the petition back in the future if desired.

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after due and legal notice, has met and heard all interested persons to be affected by the proposed public improvements hereinafter described;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission does not deem it advisable and necessary to proceed with Special Assessment District #6-2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby determines not to proceed with the project to install public improvements as follows: pave the alley in the block between Fancher on the west, Kinney on the east, Crosslanes on the south and Andre on the north in the City Special Assessment District #6-2018 based on the public input received;

2. The plans, profiles and specifications previously prepared by the City Manager are hereby filed for future reference only.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to amend the contract with Archon Construction Company for manhole rehabilitation for an additional \$30,330 and approve the appropriate budget amendment.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Mayor Lents made the following appointments to the City special committee for City Attorney Request for Qualifications.

City Commission Members

Allison Lents
Kathleen Ling
Tony Kulick

City Staff Members

City Manager Nancy Ridley
City Clerk Jeremy Howard
Director Paul Lauria

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis reminded the public that there is an upcoming election on August 7 and two millage proposals are on the ballot. She mentioned that some of the funds in the millage proposals are diverted to taxing entities.

Commissioner Kulick commented that all of the budgets and work plans for the taxing entities on the proposed millage questions on the ballot are approved by the City Commission.

Mayor Lents announced that absent voter ballots are available at City Hall.

Vice Mayor Madaj announced that sample ballots are available at www.mi.gov/vote and absentee voting is available until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6th. City Hall is open for absentee voting on Saturday, August 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gillis asked questions about absentee voting eligibility.

Commissioner LaLonde stated that first time voters must fulfill the ID requirement in order to absentee vote.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jim Moreno, 316 S. Arnold, announced that he is running for re-election to the County Commission District 5 and thanked the City Commission for participating with Escanaba and their Dark Store lawsuit.

John Hoppough, 1516 Comolake Dr., Greenville announced that he is running for Michigan Senate - 33rd District.

Steve Stressman, 215 E. Chippewa, announced that he is running for County Commission District 5. He commented that the pedestrian sign at the intersection of Franklin and Broadway Streets frequently gets hit by cars and would like to see something different used.

The Commission recessed at 7:40 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:49 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Economic Development Action Plan Discussion

Mayor Lents led a discussion on the Economic Development action plan.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will incorporate generally agreed upon changes into a new draft for consideration at the August 13th City Commission meeting.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk