

# Mount Pleasant City

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## City Council Minutes

25 August 2020

6:30 p.m.

## Regular Meeting

Mayor Mike Olsen

Councilmembers:

Justin Atkinson

Rondy Black

Sam Draper

Russell Keisel

Kevin Stallings

### 1. Welcome

Mayor Olsen welcomed all in attendance, to the meeting.

### 2. Opening Ceremony

**Pledge:** Sam Draper

**Prayer:** Rondy Black

### 3. Roll Call

**Present:** Justin Atkinson, Mike Olsen (Not voting), Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper

**Excused:** Kevin Stallings

**Others in attendance:** Jeanne Tejada (Recorder), Shane Ward (Power Superintendent), Colter Allen (Public Works Director), Kenneth Hansen, Karen Hansen, Mark Clark, Claudia Jarrett, Geniel McDonald, Jeff McDonald, Brad Parish, Blaine Sumsion, Jeri Sumsion, Marcy Curtis (The Pyramid), and Rhett Wilkinson (The Messenger).

### 4. Approval of Agenda Items

**Motion:** Approve the agenda items for the August 25, 2020 Regular City Council, 6:30 p.m. meeting.

**Moved by** Justin Atkinson

**Seconded by** Rondy Black

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 5. Approval of the Transaction Register

**Motion:** Approve the transaction register dated 7-01-2020 to 7-31-2020 in the amount of \$-104.90.

**Moved by** Sam Draper

**Seconded by** Russell Keisel

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 6. Approval of Claims & Requisitions

**Claims—**

**Motion:** To Approve the claims register dated 8-11-2020 to 8-24-2020 in the amount of \$214,262.55.

**Moved by** Russell Keisel

**Seconded by** Rondy Black

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary: Yes = 4**).

**Yes:** Justin Atkinson, Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper.

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### Requisitions:

#### **#082520201758 to RH Borden and Company LLC for an Acoustic Assessment and Manhole Inspection.**

**Motion:** Approve Requisition #082520201758 to RH Borden and Company in the amount of \$30,464.40.

**Moved by Rondy Black**

**Seconded by Russell Keisel**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary: Yes = 4**).

**Yes:** Justin Atkinson, Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper.

**Excused:** Kevin Stallings.

### 7. Public Participation

**Ken Hansen**--He lives at 525 E Main. He has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant his whole life. His purpose today is to strongly oppose the proposal made at the last council meeting to make Main street from 400 E to 900 E a one-way street. He understands it needs repair and its width is lacking, but they feel there are better, more efficient ways to deal with the problems than to make it a one-way street. He suggested making it a restricted travel road. The road is not made for heavy equipment/truck travel. He feels that with appropriate signage the problem could be taken care of. There is sufficient room up there, if the city claims the road back and forces people out of the right-of-way, it could easily gain enough to make it a wider, safer road. He agrees that this road is unsafe, but he would like other means to be taken besides making it a one-way street.

**Jeff McDonald**--He appreciates the council listening to him. He also appreciates Jeanne for responding to his emails today. Just wants to mention 2 things. He wants to appeal to the council about the tax increase. He feels it is bad timing. He is concerned about the financial situation right now. He also mentioned we are a republic not a democracy. The council should prevent the citizens from facing this instead of letting the majority vote on it.

--He also brought up the UAMPS Carbon Free Power Project. He is recommending getting out of this agreement anyway we can. It has bankrupted 7 major power companies across the US. He strongly recommends the council investigate this and keep us from going off the cliff with this project. Shane said that we will get a date to have UAMPS come and make a presentation on this. He strongly urges all council to attend this presentation when it is scheduled.

**Shane Ward**--gave an update on what happened this last week with the power outage. One of our main 3.7meg Transformers went out on us in the substation. Our crew was able to pull off in one night what normally should have taken 2 days. We are currently renting a transformer from Fairview. We are ok using this transformer for now. We

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hoping to get the switchyard and substation energized by mid-October. During the outage they went down and tied everything in for the switchyard, so they don't have to take another outage to do that. He's a little worried about the cost on the transformers, quotes received for a rewind 5-7 mva is \$235,000.

**Jeri Sumsion**—suggested that we put a reminder in newsletter to remind people to use things later at night. Shane said that 7 pm is our peak time because everyone is getting home.

**8. Discussion/Action: Appealing Denial on Building Permit**

Brad came forward to discuss his building permit that was denied. He said he has two things to discuss, he would like to move a fire hydrant. He is willing to help move it. He is worried that his tenants will hit it. He will do the digging if the city will pay for the materials. Council does not need to make a decision on this, they feel he can work it out with Colter. Colter will work with him on moving it.

Building permit, was rejected because he did not have 90 feet of frontage, he only has 62 feet. Mayor explained his understanding of the situation. The lot was split without the city's knowledge. Brad had it done with a title company and thought everything was ok. He did not know he needed to have approval from Planning & Zoning to do a lot split. There was a brief discussion as to what is the best thing to do.

Councilmember Atkinson suggested they table it until they can get some legal council on what the best thing to do in this situation is.

**Motion:** To table the decision until legal counsel can be sought.

**Moved by** Justin Atkinson

**Seconded by** Sam Draper.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Approve Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Declaring Mount Pleasant City's Intent to Impose A Tax for Recreational, Arts and Parks Facilities.**

Councilmember Draper voiced that maybe this is not the year to put it on the ballot. What would it hurt to wait a year? Councilmember Keisel said, what does it hurt to put it out there this year to vote? Let the citizens decide. Councilmember Atkinson said that there will always be those that have a reason it should not be put on the ballot. Councilmember Keisel suggested putting it to the public to decide.

**Motion:** Approve Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Declaring Mount Pleasant City's Intent to Impose a Tax for Recreational, Arts and Parks Facilities.

**Moved by** Justin Atkinson

**Seconded by** Rondy Black.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Justin Atkinson, Russell Keisel, Rondy Black, Sam Draper.

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**10. Report by City Council Members**

**Justin Atkinson**—he has been looking into the excavation permit. The contractor should have a \$10,000 bond if they are cutting the road or things of that nature. He has some examples from some other cities. The whole fee is not refunded. We need to make things a little clearer. He will bring something to council next time.

**Kevin Stallings**

**Russell Keisel**—nothing to report on Recreation or Aquatic Center

--Questioned the 2 wells the City has. The mayor and Colter are investigating the 2 wells to see about using them. They want to investigate making the cemetery well into an irrigation well.

--Brought up the Police conversation that was reported in the paper. He has no problem with them. He thinks they are doing a great job. He would like to open up a two-way street so the council can help them out. They do need another officer. Councilmember Black said they do appreciate them. They do a great job.

**Rondy Black**—we will be starting the sewer acoustic assessment soon. He feels it will be more efficient.

--Reached out to J-U-B, they did not call back. Council would like them to come and give an update to them.

**Sam Draper**—questioned if we needed to pick up some equipment for future emergencies with Power Dept. to help move transformers, etc. Shane said we would still need to rent a crane.

--Fire is still busy.

**11. Report by Mayor**

Talked about the city auditors who will be here next week. There is a letter in the council packets letting the council know what to expect from the auditors.

Also discussed changing the costs on graves and open and closing costs.  
Councilmember Black will investigate some comparables.

Jeri Sumsion came forward to thank the council for being willing to listen. She says before she felt she was not listened to.

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**12. Adjourn 8:57pm**

**Motion:** To adjourn the Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2020.

**Moved by** Russell Keisel

**Seconded by** Sam Draper

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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Jeanne M. Tejada, Recorder