

Mount Pleasant, Iowa, December 27, 2023

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers.

Present: Engberg, McWilliams, Griffith, Batty, White, Crull

Absent:

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote: the minutes of the December 13, 2023, City Council meeting; the payment of bills totaling \$595,922.19; the report of officers; the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Pressbox Grille & Bar, Inc. at 1110 W Washington Street; the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License, Special Class A Beer Permit, Outdoor Service and Catering for The Grange Public House and Brewing LLC at 129 S Jefferson Street.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council read for the third time and adopt the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF VACANT FARMLAND AND A DWELLING LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF W WASHINGTON ST COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2000-2200 W WASHINGTON ST FROM "M-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" TO "M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT"**

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council read for the first time the following Ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 21 "SOLID WASTE" AND CHAPTER 25 "SOLID WASTE CHARGES" OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, CODE OF ORDINANCES**

At this time, the Mayor asked for questions or discussion.

The following citizens were present to ask questions and voice concerns regarding the

ordinance amendment:

Ron Graber, 500 W Armstrong Court, asked the Council why there is no option to opt out of the solid waste program for those who have an alternative way of disposing of their garbage or an option for a smaller less expensive container. He questioned whether the Council has thought enough about all options.

Steve Gray, 1827 249<sup>th</sup> Street, owns rental properties in the Central Park area, asked if it was discussed by the Council for the apartments in that area to have a dumpster available for garbage disposal. He would like the Council to contact landlords to discuss their options for tenants. He asked who would be liable if someone steals a garbage container.

Pat and Bob Bensmiller, 1006 N Broadway, asked if there was any discussion on raising sticker prices. The council responded that they thought if they continued to raise sticker prices there would be more people move to the private sector. Pat asked if there would still be a spring cleanup.

Lane Evans, 6055 Harrison Place, had questions regarding the process and if bids were taken.

Judy Williams, 2190 Iowa Avenue, is a business owner and asked if the Council considered the elderly having to get the container to and from the street each week.

Tim Liechty, 1630 253<sup>rd</sup> Street, owns a business at 305 E Washington Street. He has two meters and asked if both utility bills will be charged the new solid waste fees. And asked if it was ever discussed to have an opt-out option.

May Swarm, 1009 N Lucas, does not use the City's current solid waste program or a private company to dispose of her garbage. She would like the City to consider a senior citizen rate and smaller container. She thinks other cities are more aware of the elderly and disabled in terms of their solid waste program.

Deb Coleman, 508 E Winfield, asked why the City didn't default to the 65-gallon container rather than the 95-gallon container.

Ted Morfield, 508 W Race Street, asked how the citizens know what they can and can't throw away. Are rules changing?

Hobart Dickey, 1007 S Locust, asked if he will be charged a fee for his garage, that has a separate meter.

Jason Roth, 423 E Beck Lane, asked when the contract ends. The contract is a 5-year contract.

Ruth McDowell, 202 N White, asked if the \$16.75 or \$19.75 charge for the container includes the base fee and landfill charges that are on the monthly utility bill.

John McDowell, 302 S Locust, would like to have an opt-out option.

Suzy Kerr, 804 E Jones Street, thought the contract should have been put out for bid. She questioned how many residents will be paying four times what they were paying with the sticker system.

Fonda Arbogast, 609 S Harrison Place, asked who will pick up the garbage and when will it get dumped.

Lynn Conrad, 705 E Henry Street told the Council that people do not like getting charged for something they do not use.

The Council listened to all who spoke at the meeting and answered questions. They will consider all comments and questions and take them under advisement.

Roll call vote 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-95:

**A RESOLUTION NAMING CANDIDATE TO SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-96:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA APPROVING STORM E. SWANSON FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITION**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-97:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, TO RECOGNIZE, AND HONOR MICHAEL T. STALDER FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED AND LOYAL SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-98:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, TO RECOGNIZE, AND HONOR RICHARD D. LANPHIER FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF DEDICATED AND LOYAL SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the

Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-99:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA  
APPROVING THE SALARY INCREASE OF CHRIS ELLINGTON**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-100:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF H. EUGENE SMITH INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council approve the Site Plan for H Eugene Smith West Industrial Park Subdivision. Motion approved, 6-0.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the Mayoral reappointments of: Lori Glanzman, Amanda Dunn, Amy Frantz and Tom Young to serve 5-year terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried, 6-0.

Councilmember McWilliams moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the purchase of a new vehicle from Stivers Ford Lincoln in Waukee, IA for the Police Department. The cost of the new vehicle is \$44,050.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

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Steven K Brimhall, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Davis, City Clerk