

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Presiding was Mayor Steven J. Ireland with Council Members Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Brad Randolph, Travis Seidel, Jason Huppert and Mark Lair present. Council Member Chris Greenwald was absent.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

Mary Ottoson, Main Street Director, gave an update regarding Main Street's upcoming activities, projects and fundraising efforts. Dr. Eugene Watkins showed some updated display boards that will be used at the Fort's museum and outlined events for 2012.

**AGENDA**

Randolph MOVED and Rink SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of February 7, 2012, as written;
- Mayor's appointment of: Neal Dodd, 1010 Denmark Hilltop, to the Fort Madison Human Rights Commission, term expiring January 1, 2013;
- Mayor's appointment of: Thomas Schulz, 723 ½ Avenue G, term expiring February 21, 2016; Albert Schulte, 402 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and Doug Kenel, 307 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, terms expiring February 21, 2015; and Janice Horn, 1225- 20<sup>th</sup> Street, and Teresa Neuweg, 1505 Avenue G, terms expiring February 21, 2014; to the Construction Board of Appeals;
- Liquor License Renewal: D. J.'s China Buffet, 1001 Avenue H, effective date March 1, 2012 – Class B Beer with Sunday Sales;
- Setting public hearing for March 6, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. for rezoning property south of 1125 – 48<sup>th</sup> Street from R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to B-2, Business District General Retail; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

***Concerning an Ordinance and Approval of a Franchise Agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company.***

Mayor Ireland opened the public hearing at 7:24 P.M. concerning an ordinance and approval of a franchise agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company. There being no written or oral comments, Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**1<sup>st</sup> READING, ELECTRIC FRANCHISE:** Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance granting a franchise to Interstate Power and Light Company within the City of Fort Madison.

Smith explained utility companies operate under a franchise agreement to work within the City's right-of-way.

ROLL CALL:           AYES:           Wright, Rink, Randolph, Seidel, Huppert, Lair  
                          NAYES:          None

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED on its 1st reading this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING, AMENDING 9-7:** Lair MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance amending portions of Title 9, Chapter 7 entitled "Stopping, Standing, Parking".

Smith said this ordinance amendment began with a request to place stop signs on Avenue E at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and to add additional "no parking" areas around the intersection. In a review of the parking ordinance, Traffic Safety determined changes needed to be made as some of the "no parking" areas are no longer needed. During that time, a request was made to add two hour parking spaces on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. That request is included in this amendment.

ROLL CALL:           AYES:           Wright, Rink, Randolph, Seidel, Huppert, Lair  
                          NAYES:          None

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED on its 1st reading this 21st day of February, 2012.

**OTHER**

**2012-13 BUDGET, SET P.H.:** Randolph MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget and setting Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. as date and time of public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**WATER DEPT. VEHICLE PURCHASE:** Wright MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the purchase of a new 2012 Chevrolet Impala from Karl Chevrolet of Ankeny, Iowa in the amount of \$15,310.00 for the Water Department.

Dinwiddie reported this vehicle will be used to drive from the new Water Plant on daily trips to Fort Madison and weekly trips to Burlington for lab testing of water samples.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**INCREASE POOL FEES:** Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve admission, season pass and swim lesson fees for the Fort Madison Swimming Pool.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**WWTP FACILITY UPDATE PLAN:** Randolph MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve an engineering agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. of Muscatine, Iowa, for a Facility Update Plan for the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Treatment Plant.

Kuhljuergen said this Plan will outline what changes need to be made at the Wastewater Treatment Plant over the next 20 years. The plant was built in 1975 and, with the exception of replacing a bar screen in 2000, has not been updated since then. While the plant is currently operating above requirements, it is getting harder to get parts for repairs. This study will help to plan for what is needed and will take in consideration future EPA standards.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES  
1 NAY (Rink)

**PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Nothing remarkable to report.

Karl Judd was introduced as new police officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 P.M., Randolph MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

**MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS:** See Claims dated February 16, 2012 in the amount of \$267,707.45 and Library Claims dated February 14, 2012, in the amount of 1,720.97.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>February 10, 2012</u>
General	\$137,390.94
RSVP	1,166.94
Old Fort	1,915.80
Road Use	21,987.19
Water	36,801.56
Sewer	33,353.40
Solid Waste	13,589.63
Storm Water	<u>2,703.99</u>
	\$248,909.45

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Steven J. Ireland, Mayor  
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk