

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present. Council Members Rusty Andrews and Travis Seidel were absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Carol Foss, 412 Avenue F, asked what the timeline for the Highway 61 project was and what the funds received from the Iowa D.O.T. for the highway are being used for.

Mike Kruse 1724 – 34th Street, questioned statements he read in a newspaper article regarding accidents at 27th Street and Avenue L intersection. Kruse did not believe intersections cause accidents or were unsafe, he felt it was people who cause accidents and changing this intersection was a waste of money.

Mayor Randolph said these comments will be addressed later in the meeting during the Department Head reports.

AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- ♦ Minutes of February 21, 2017;
- ♦ February Financial Report;
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2nd READING, VACATE 15TH PLACE, 16TH, 17TH & 19TH STREETS SOUTH OF AVENUE P:
Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance vacating 15th Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P.

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ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2017.

1st READING, AMEND 9-7 & 9-14, PARKING: Lair MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 7, "Stopping, Standing, Parking" and Chapter 14, "Snow Emergency Regulations".

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-16, SET PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF 15TH PLACE, 16TH, 17TH & 19TH STREETS SOUTH OF AVENUE P: Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for April 4, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as 15th Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P to Hall Towing, Inc..

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 21st day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17, SET PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF 3034 AVENUE K: Lair MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for April 4, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as 3034 Avenue K to Habitat for Humanity.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18, APPOINT TITLE VI COORDINATOR/APPROVE TITLE VI ASSURANCES AND AGREEMENT: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing Larry Driscoll as the City's Title VI Coordinator and approving the Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances and Agreement.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED and APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2017.

OTHER

PURCHASE COLD PLANER: Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the purchase of a cold planer from Sinclair Tractor in the amount of \$12,000 for the Public Works Department.

Driscoll said this piece of equipment will do small millings and grind down bumps and buckles in the streets. It is estimated there at least 75 of buckles in town. This will also assist with drainage along the curbs.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH SEIRPC: Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a contract with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for general administration services for the Multifamily New Construction Grant for the Cattermole and old Lee County Bank buildings.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CLOSED LANDFILL AGREEMENT: Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve a closed landfill agreement between the City of Fort Madison and the Great River Regional Waste Authority.

Driscoll did not believe action needed to be taken now as the agreement has not been received yet. A strip of land between the old city landfill and Great River Regional Waste Authority (GRRWA) has been assumed to be the City's and the City has been maintaining the property. It "counts" as a buffer between the City's closed landfill and GRRWA's active landfill. It has recently been discovered this strip of ground was deeded to GRRWA by Lee County when the landfill was established. This situation can be an issue if the Iowa Department of Natural Resources becomes involved. IDNR can require the methane gas created by both landfills to be collected and this could cost millions of dollars.

Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to table the motion.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Captain Shields attended a meeting of citizens looking for public input on what the faith community could help out with. Officer Judd completed basic Internet Crimes Against Children school. The Police Department has been working with P & Z on nuisance properties. The Fire Department received their new radios today and the radios will need additional programming. Firefighter Eastin is attending an arson investigation class. Nuisance notices have been going out.

Driscoll reported the funds received for Highway. 61 are used solely for the highway and equipment. To extend pavement life, approximately \$300,000 was spent to crack seal 20th to 34th Streets. Due to the poor condition, total reconstruction of the highway will be done from 6th-20th Streets. The City was awarded a \$600,000 grant to reconstruct 2nd to 6th Streets and another \$600,000 grant was received for 6th to 10th Streets.

The Mayor said the grant for 6th to 10th Streets was awarded several years ago but under the terms of the grant the City cannot do anything until 2018. Approval from the state historical society is also needed. The City has purchased two properties with the funds. A portion of the 1730 Avenue H will be used to expand the turn lane at the 18th Street and Avenue H intersection and 2702 Avenue L will be used to “straighten” out the intersection at 27th Street and Avenue L

Driscoll said an engineering firm completed a lengthy study of the old highway. He then presented two possible projects at 27th and 53rd Street intersections to Council. Council wanted to move forward with the project at 27th Street. Driscoll said the Avenue L and 27th Street intersection is offset and is poorly designed and signaled. A five year study of accidents at that intersection showed it has the highest accident ratio in town. Surveys show approximately 11,500 vehicles pass through this intersection daily with a peak on up to 15,000 per day. The surveys were completed when County Market was in operation.

City Manager David Varley compared the traffic accident rates at this intersection to others. He told Kruse engineers looked at these numbers when they designed this. Kruse said people cause accidents, not intersections. Varley said certain intersections have higher accident rates because of their design. He suggested Kruse come in and he would review the plans for the project with him.

Driscoll reported Bluff Road should open up later this week. The Avenue E project will start next week and 15th Street project will start April 3.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Varley said in order to proceed with development agreements with Barker, the old agreements need to be terminated. He was notified both the Barker and Frantz groups have signed off on the termination agreement. The Historic Preservation Commission is working on “Park to Park” district signage. Property owners within the district can purchase these signs if they wanted to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 P.M., Wright MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated March 16, 2017, in the amount of \$1,718,923.05 and Library Claims dated March 15, 2017, in the amount of \$9,027.27.

PAYROLL	3/17/2017
General	\$174,577.71
Special Revenues	9,381.72
Road Use	20,687.59
Water	26,495.98
Sewer	35,052.03
Solid Waste	14,633.09
Storm Water	2,691.81
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk