

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Bob Morawitz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel and Mark Lair present. Council Member Chad Cangas was absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

There were none.

AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of January 2, 2018;
- Liquor License Renewal: Palms Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective February 1, 2018 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales;
- December Financial Report; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning Not to Exceed \$1,700,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:33 P.M. There were no oral or written comments.

Lair MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07, INSTITUTE FURTHER PROCEEDINGS: Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution instituting further proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$1,700,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of January, 2018.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER

CALHOUN-BURNS BRIDGE CONTRACT: Morawitz MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s signature on a structural engineering contract with Calhoun-Burns and Associates, not to exceed \$42,500 for structural engineering inspection, design and bid documents for the 14th Street Bridge rehab project over French Creek.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the ultimate goal is to prolong the life of some of the City’s bridges instead of replacing them. This is the first bridge he proposed as a project. Visually there does not appear to be much wrong with the bridge but underneath you can see where salt is coming through the bridge deck and damaging the structure. At a question whether the bridge should be raised, Driscoll said the previous high water problem was caused by debris and silt on property owned by BNSF that caused creek drainage to back up. BNSF has addressed a major brush pile but silting is still an issue. BNSF is currently excavating a portion of the creek running through their property now. He said the city could do more creek cleaning if Council wished, but much of the creek is privately owned. City Attorney Robert Johnson said the City should have easements to allow the City to clean the creeks from Highway 61 south to the Mississippi River.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS: Greenwald MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of:

- ◆ Carol Foss to the Old Fort Commission, term ending March 31, 2021;
- ◆ Mike Pulis to the Parks Board, term ending March 31, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CITY MANAGER SALARY INCREASE: Lair MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve a five percent salary increase for City Manager David Varley.

Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to amend the motion to increase the raise from 5% to 8%, effective today.

A question was raised when this would be reviewed again. Varley said there is nothing in the current contract that sets a time to do so. It is up to Council when they wish to review. Randolph noted Varley did receive a 5% raise in 2015 and has been receiving annual cost of living increases along with other city employees. Greenwald felt the City needed to be competitive.

A vote was then taken on the motion to amend.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

A vote was then taken on the amended motion.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS – No items

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Fire Department did some confined space work at the prison last week. A technology workshop was held at the Library. Planning & Zoning is reviewing the zoning code and preparing updates. A pre-construction meeting was held for the 7th Street CSO project. The work will begin February 5.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City's workers compensation insurance premium will be greatly reduced this year due to the low number of claims the City has had over the last several years. The Airport Commission discussed needed major improvements. They also met with representatives from Great River Regional Waste Authority (landfill) and discussed issues with the grass runway.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:59 P.M., Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated January 11, 2018, in the amount of \$596,783.42 and Manual Claims dated January 11, 2018, in the amount of \$474,415.83.

<u>Payroll</u>	1/5/2018
General	\$184,190.42
Special Rev.	3,942.74
Road Use	27,793.92
Water	25,172.40
Sewer	42,467.73
Solid Waste	11,763.67
Storm Water	4,073.69
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk