

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Bob Morawitz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel and Mark Lair. 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

Seidel MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of March 6, 2018;
- Liquor License Renewal: MOD Convenience Store, 1531 Avenue H, effective April 25, 2018 – Class C Beer with Sunday Sales;
- February Financial Report; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-023, \$1.7 MILLION WATER NOTES: Rink MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$1,700,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2018, of the City of Fort Madison, State of Iowa, under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of the notes and approving tax exemption certificate.

City Manager David Varley reported this will fund the reconstruction of the city's two groundwater storage tanks. The money will be borrowed from a local bank.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 20th day of March, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-024, RATIFYING WATER AGREEMENT: Greenwald MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adopt a resolution ratifying a settlement agreement with the Teamsters Local 238, Water Department.

Morawitz said he would vote against this as he did not agree with the removal of permissibles from the agreement.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Rink, Andrews, Lair, Seidel
 NAYES: Morawitz

MOTION PASSED 5-1

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 20th day of March, 2018.

OTHER

APPROVE FY 2016/2017 AUDIT: Seidel MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to receive and file the City's audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ROLL AWAY GARBAGE CONTAINERS: Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to accept and approve the proposal from Rehrig Pacific Company and Municipal Connection, not to exceed \$267,000, for the implementation of roll away garbage containers.

Laura Liegois, Municipal Connections, will work with the city to provide information to citizens regarding the change and will assist with implementation. This will include a 30-second video, three public meetings, a postcard mailing, social media marketing and website information and use of local media for updates. When the carts are delivered to residents an overview of the complete solid waste and recycling program will be also be provided to them. Marketing for the change can begin in late March or early April with carts being delivered in June.

Liegois said switching to the carts will give a uniform look to the city, are sturdy, do not leak, keep litter and other debris contained, are a way to move forward to automated collection and improves safety for the city workers.

Currently residents can put out two 40-gallon cans per week. Residents must buy a \$1 garbage sticker to place on any additional bags. Under the roll away proposal, residents will have a choice between a 65 or 95-gallon cart. There will be no additional fee for the 65-gallon cart and an additional \$2.50 per month for the 95-gallon cart. Residents can choose the size of the cart they want by returning a postcard or through the internet.

Beau Sullivan, Rehrig Pacific, said the city will purchase and own the cart. Each cart has a bar code and will be assigned to an address. There is a 10-year warranty on the carts. If there are any issues during the warranty, such as a broken wheel or handle, the City will notify Rehrig and Rehrig will replace it. The carts are extremely durable and can take a lot of physical abuse. Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said after the warranty is up, the average maintenance per cart is estimated at \$5 per container per year.

At a question regarding holidays when residents may have more trash, Liegois said usually the day after Christmas an extra bag is allowed free gratis. It is more of an issue when it's an automated situation. Driscoll wanted to do away with the garbage stickers because of issues with loose trash from broken bags. In addition, items stick out of the bags and injure workers.

Brian Wright, 1121 Avenue C, asked about the cans getting tipped over and if the city would pick up the mess. Varley said the cans are hard to tip over. The workers have some judgement out in the field and are trained to err on the side of customer service.

Planning & Zoning Director Doug Krogmeier said many properties don't have trash cans and animals get into the garbage bags. Some properties just let the bags pile up, the bags break open and then trash goes all over the neighborhood. Driscoll said 30% of the population do not use containers.

Liegois said there will always be a percentage of residents that have will have issues with loose garbage in their yards. This will be something for the nuisance inspector to handle.

Currently the containers will not be used for recycling. Varley said this may be something that would be moved towards in the future.

Varley added he has been through conversions in areas with a high percentage of the elderly. He learned the seniors were surprised at how easy the containers were to roll. Across the nation, there are a large of number of cities moving towards the roll away carts.

Drew Stanton, 2931 Avenue J, asked if there was a smaller option to encourage people to recycle. He said a lot of his customers are single elderly people, who produce very little trash. One of his customers is on oxygen and can't leave the house.

Varley said a smaller option may be a possibility in the future. He believed there are things that will have to be adjusted but the goal is to bring the city into the 21st century and reduce staff injuries.

It was pointed out it is difficult for the city's sanitation workers to know what properties pay for garbage with the current system. Sullivan said when Indianapolis changed to the carts they discovered a large number of properties were not paying for garbage services but putting out garbage for collection. Driscoll knows people from outside Fort Madison are bringing their garbage and setting it out in town and this will help identify these situations.

Morawitz felt the logistical problems need to be taken care of before the purchase is made. Seidel said there are some things that are going to have to be tweaked as this goes along.

Liegois said some communities offered 35 and 65-gallon carts. Within a few months, an 80-year old lady changed from the 35 to the 65 because it was easier to move. Liegois will assist the city in working with residents.

Morawitz was concerned regarding some areas of town with sloping ground. Varley and Driscoll agreed some neighborhoods might have different rules such as allowing the carts to stay curbside. Varley said other communities have done exemptions such as this.

Driscoll said many of these items will be addressed as the change moves forward. Andrews recognized there are always situations regarding trash and the city works through them.

Mike Pulis, 601 – 5th Street, used carts like this when he lived in Florida. The carts are very good, the garbage was picked up semi-automatically.

Varley said the city will do everything we can to help the customer.

MOTION PASSED 5-1 (Rink)

DISCUSSION ITEMS – No items

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

There was a fire in the apartment above Sorrentos. Now that spring has arrived the building department is getting very busy. Avenue H and 7th Street should be open in a week or so.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustment met and approved a special use for a bait shop. The Old Fort Commission is getting ready for their opening. Historic Preservation met a week ago. They had a rather lengthy discussion regarding a project in the 400 block of Avenue F. The homeowner was asked to get approval from the National Parks as this house is in a historic district.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 P.M., Seidel MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated March 14, 2018, in the amount of \$651,229.96 and Library Claims dated March 13, 2018, in the amount of \$7,264.43.

<u>Payroll</u>	3/16/2018
General	\$173,309.66
Special Rev.	9,277.34
Road Use	25,090.80
Water	25,928.80
Sewer	41,984.17
Solid Waste	10,746.72
Storm Water	3,303.33
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk