

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Bob Morawitz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Matt Mohrfeld, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS** - None

**AGENDA**

Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of December 4, 2018;
- Liquor License Renewal: Palms Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective February 1, 2019 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday;
- Liquor License Renewal: Pizza Hut, 1123 – 24<sup>th</sup> Street, effective December 20, 2018 – Class B Beer with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, effective January 1, 2019 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales;
- Resolution No. 2018-63, property tax exemption for Todd A/Tammy G Piper at 2004 Avenue H;
- New Cigarette Permit: Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor Outlet Plus, 1735 Avenue H, effective XX;
- November Financial Report; and
- Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-64, STBG GRANT APPLICATION FOR HWY. 61 & 53<sup>rd</sup> STREET:** Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Regional Transportation STBG funds for reconstruction of the intersection of Business 61 and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll reported this will add a roundabout and remove the traffic signals. Council discussed the cost of a roundabout versus the cost of adding two dedicated right turn lanes and upgrading the traffic signals. Driscoll has applied for grants to upgrade the traffic signals at every intersection over the last several years and has not received a single grant. With this grant, the cost will be roughly the same as installing two dedicated right turn lanes and upgrading the traffic signals. In addition, the roundabout can be installed without having to acquire additional right-of-way and dealing with the wetlands along the highway. There will also be less maintenance on the lights. The roundabout will be semi traffic friendly with an inner apron on the corners. City Manager David Varley said data shows roundabouts reduce the number of accidents, reduce the severity of accidents and improve traffic flow.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

**CEMETERY RATE INCREASE:** Greenwald MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting cemetery fees.

Mohrfeld said he disagreed with the increase in the Saturday fee. City Clerk Melinda Blind reported that in the last 20 years the number of cemetery staff has been reduced by half and since the new penitentiary opened, the three prison crews the City used for mowing have been eliminated. In order to reduce overtime, Sunday and holiday burials were eliminated in 2007 and higher fees were set for Saturdays. The last increase was two years ago and did not affect the percentage of Saturday burials.

Mohrfeld did not believe it was right to try to influence people's habits by a fee. Rink said when his father passed away Saturday was the only convenient time for his family. Council members discussed overtime within the cemetery department with Driscoll. Mohrfeld suggested raising the burial cost during the work week.

In an effort to reduce the overtime paid out, employees receive half paid overtime, half comp time. Varley said it is harder to schedule projects during the work week for that department if a burial is on Saturday. Department employees also get called out on weekends for parks' issues.

Jan Garza, 20XX Avenue H, said her interpretation of this is that only persons who have money will be able to afford a Saturday funeral. Floyd Krogmeier, 2212 Avenue B, brought up that some families have to travel for funerals.

Mohrfeld suggested raising the rates to \$600 or \$650 Monday through Friday and keeping the Saturday rate at \$850. If Council voted this down, a new resolution could be brought to Council in January.

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

**MOTION FAILED 7-0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-65, APPOINT VARLEY TO SEIRPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**  
Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing David Varley to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring January 1, 2020.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

**OTHER**

**FILE FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AUDIT:** Rink MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to receive and file the City's audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.

Mohrfeld questioned why Council did not receive the audit before the meeting. Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier said the auditors will not release the final audit until the day of the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED 6-1**  
NAY - Mohrfeld

**VIKING USA, LLC AGREEMENT TO LEASE:** Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve AN Agreement to Lease with Viking USA, LLC.

Varley said this is basically an agreement to agree. Council members had concern regarding some areas of the agreement. It was noted the Hannibal City Council has already signed the agreement but they made changes before signing. Following a long discussion, Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to TABLE the motion.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** - None

**POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- ◆ Accept PIP 2017-03, Phase 2 WWTP Rehab
- ◆ Downtown Sidewalk Project
- ◆ Agreement with Amtrak for Passenger Platform
- ◆ Update of Title 4, Business
- ◆ BNSF Bridge Study
- ◆ Title 3, Building Code Update (Housing)

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS**

Nothing remarkable to report.

**PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Nothing remarkable to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:01 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated December 13, 2018, in the amount of \$336,995.92.

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| <u>Payroll</u> | 12/20/2018   |
| General        | \$218,119.71 |
| Special Rev.   | 3,508.95     |
| Road Use       | 27,623.96    |
| Water          | 28,942.29    |
| Sewer          | 42,581.99    |
| Solid Waste    | 12,955.34    |
| Airport        | 486.54       |
| Storm Water    | 4,056.68     |
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|                | \$338,275.46 |

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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk