

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 2, 2019**

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

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS – There were none.

AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of June 18, 2019;
- Liquor License Renewal: Lost Duck Brewing Company, 723-725 Avenue H, effective July 15, 2019 – Class B Beer with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Faeth's LLC, 832 Avenue G, effective June 30, 2019 – Class C Liquor;
- Outdoor Service Extension for July 11, 2019: Simple Table, LLC, 617 – 7th Street;
- Resolution No. 2019-40, granting property tax exemption for Bruce W/Pamela M Hardy for #4 Woodland Heights Court; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning Public Improvement Project 2019-04, Avenue L Reconstruction, 35th Street to 36th Street

Greenwald opened the public hearing at 5:34 P.M., There were no oral or written comments, on motion, Council moved to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41, ADOPT PLANS: Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications and form of contract for the project.

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 2nd day of July, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-42, AWARD CONTRACT: Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adopt a resolution awarding construction contract for the project to Jones Contracting Corporation of West Point, Iowa, in the amount of \$469,777, and approving contract and bonds of Jones Contracting Corporation, pending receipt of the documents.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll reported there were two bids. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$550,000.

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 2nd day of July, 2019.

Concerning a Lease with American Cruises Lines, LLC

Greenwald opened the public hearing at 5:40 P.M., There were no oral or written comments. Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-43, APPROVE LEASE: Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to approve a resolution to approve a twenty-year lease for docking facilities in Riverview Park with American Cruise Lines, LLC.

City Manager David Varley explained some minor changes made to the lease.

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 2nd day of July, 2019.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE D-054, CHANGE SEWER RATES: Lair MOVED and Cargas SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Public Ways and Properties, Chapter 7, Sewage Works, Section 2, Sewerage Rate System, Subsection A, Unit Rates, Monitored and Nonmonitored Contributors, of the Fort Madison City Code to allow for a change in the sewerage rates.

Mohrfeld stated he has voted against this every time. Three years ago a \$1 million yearly payment was added to that budget with no additional revenue coming in. He warned the \$150,000 from this increase is not going to cover that additional expense.

Driscoll said a rate study was done and it was taken into consideration what people could afford.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Lair, Cargas
 NAYES: Mohrfeld

MOTION PASSED 6-1

The Mayor then declared the third and final reading of said ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38, AIRPORT ENGINEERING SERVICES: Cargas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor’s signature on a contract for services with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., to provide for engineering services for the Fort Madison Municipal Airport for five years.

Andrews reported the Airport Commission has two projects they wish to move forward with – a lighting upgrade and fencing. Both require engineering.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 2nd day of July, 2019.

OTHER

SEIBUS CONTRACT: Rink MOVED and Cargas SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s signature on a one-year Contract for Transportation Services between the City and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, effective July 1, 2019.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

HIGH POINT EASEMENT: Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to authorize a \$5,000 payment for an easement for the installation of a City sewer main that will go through Tom and Amy Merschman's property at High Point.

Driscoll felt \$5,000 was expensive but fair. Morawitz questioned if the eminent domain process could be used. Driscoll said the eminent domain process could take 2-3 years.

MOTION PASSED 6-1
(Morawitz No)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

GENERAL FUND FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS: Varley asked Council to choose a date for a Work Session so he could present the General Fund Five-Year Financial Projects.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Sheriff Weber reported the retirement of Bruce Gustafson, a 38-year veteran of the Police Department. The ban on fireworks passed in December will be enforced vigorously. A hearing on a variance has been scheduled for the Board of Adjustment. The auditors will be here next week for the yearly audit. Flood cleanup has been progressing in Riverview Park. Driscoll suggested reducing the four lanes between the hospital west to the bypass be reduced to two lanes with a center turning lane. He will get pricing for this.

LIAISON REPORTS: Mohrfeld reported a round table group met with City staff regarding beautification. He said there is a real synergy to clean up Fort Madison and concern about quite a few dilapidated housing. A goal is to get 50 junk vehicles removed in 50 days. Chris Greenwald of River City Motors has volunteered to use his wrecker free of charge to tow junk vehicles to the salvage yard if the owner requests it. The owner will receive any funds from the salvage yard for the vehicle.

POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

◆ Update of Title 4, Business

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:13 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated June 13, 2019, in the amount of \$263,842.01.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	6/212019
General	\$174,331.78
Spec. Revenues	10,246.94
Road Use	23,601.02
Water	27,267.44
Sewer	37,814.92
Solid Waste	14,386.55
Airport	489.03
Storm Water	3,137.14
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	\$291,274.82

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk