

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rebecca Bowker, Bob Morawitz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Tyler Miller and Mark Lair present. Council Member Chad Cangas was absent.

Scout Troops 219 and 19 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mohrfeld noted some items on the agenda have been rearranged and some new items have been added.

**VISITORS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

Bowker MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Rink MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of December 17, 2019;
- New Liquor License: Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective January 8, 2020 – Class E Liquor;
- Liquor License Renewal: Palms Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective February 1, 2020 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General Store, 429 Avenue H, effective February 10, 2020 – Class C Beer, Class B Wine with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: River Rocks Bar and Grill, 709 Avenue H, effective January 28, 2020 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales; and
- Payroll: December 20, 2019 and January 3, 2020.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0  
ABSTAIN – Bowker, Miller**

**COMMUNITY UPDATES:** Ryan Wilson, Director of the Fort Madison Family YMCA, gave an update of the Y's activities, programming and future plans.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Letters are being sent out to persons who did not register their rental housing by the deadline. The Fire Department performed confined space work at Axalta. The Police Department has been busy with nuisance abatement and

parking enforcement. A new software called MOC, allows the department to track patrol cars.

## **652 PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:** Fire Chief Joey Herren updated Council on the department's activities, including water rescue, confined space, hazmat and high angle rescue.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING AMENDING ADMINISTRATION:** Lair MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 7, Mayor, Section 6, Duties, to allow Council to designate another City Official to sign Iowa Department of Transportation contracts.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Miller, Lair  
NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of January, 2020.

**ORDINANCE D-058:** Rink MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, General Provisions, Section 5, Supplementary District Regulations, by adding fence regulations on reverse corner lots, and Chapter 12, B-1 Business District, Limited Retail, Section 3, Permitted Uses, to change the definition of Schools/Educational Facilities.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Miller, Lair  
NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared the second reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of January, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01, ACCEPT 2018-04:** Lair MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement Project 2018-05, Rodeo Park Trail Extension.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Miller, Lair  
NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 7th day of January, 2020.

## **654 PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02, SET P.H.:** Lair MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for January 21, 2020, at 5:30 P.M., on the transfer of property located at 3421 Avenue L to the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Miller, Lair  
NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 7th day of January, 2020.

### **OTHER**

**CLAIMS:** Rink MOVED and Miller SECONDED to approve Claims dated January 2, 2020, Library Claims dated December 19, 2019, and Manual Claims dated December 31, 2019.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**APPOINT HARDY TO SEI PORT AUTHORITY:** Morawitz MOVED and Miller SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bruce Hardy to the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority, filling an unexpired term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**FMCH TRAIL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT:** Lair MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for design and construction segments of three segments of the PORT Rodeo Park (FMCH) Connector Trail

Former Public Works Director Larry Driscoll reported this project is funded by the Fort Madison Community/Great River Regional Hospital Foundation. This will be done in two phases with the first phase beginning this year.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**DISCUSSION/ITEMS FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Mohrfeld suggested the first budget work session be held Tuesday, January 14. Mohrfeld also wanted to hold an evaluation of City Manager David Varley within the next couple months.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:** Morawitz wanted to reconsider the amount of pay Council receives. Rink wanted to set up "Coffee with Council" on some Saturday mornings. He also asked that the Parks Board and Council consider disabled and

wheelchair accessible swings in the City's parks. The Airport Commission met last night and talked about their budget issues.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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### MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Mohrfeld made the following appointments for 2020:

Mayor Pro Tem – Rink	Board of Adjustment - Miller
Airport Commission Liaison – Andrews	Library Board - Morawitz
Planning and Zoning Commission – Lair	Housing Authority – Bowker
Historic Preservation – Lair	Parks Board – Rink

Mohrfeld noted Rink would be appointed only if the Parks Board would be able to move their meetings to a Thursday due to Rink's Wednesday night volunteer commitment.

He announced he was creating several assignments for Council members. Miller will be a "property activist" and work closely with staff to make Fort Madison a more pride-driven community. Rink will be the liaison to all health and wellness matters, everything from PORT to dog parks. Bowker will be the sustainability coach, making the best use of our resources. Morawitz was assigned to liaison with the Neighborhood Watches. Andrews is to be the Events and Activities Liaison. He added there will be more assignments coming.

Lair asked about the building causing the street blockage downtown. Mohrfeld noted the Building Department has been working hard on this and is coming up with a mitigation plan. There is not a timeline at the moment but staff is doing everything they can to expedite this.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 6:54 P.M., the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated January 2, 2019, in the amount of \$176,914.49; Manual Claims dated December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$146,843.80, and Library Claims, dated December 19, 2020, in the amount of \$6,332.90.

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>12/20/2019</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>1/3/2020</b>
General	\$179,414.10	General	\$190,580.11
Special Revenue	10,603.14	Special Revenue	4,154.76
Road Use	27,497.14	Road Use	25,190.46
Water	30,409.95	Water	27,666.26
Sewer	40,021.76	Sewer	37,897.80
Solid Waste/IWC	12,468.29	Solid Waste/IWC	11,425.25
Airport	489.04	Airport	464.81
Storm Water	3,557.54	Storm Water	3,647.39
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	\$304,460.96		\$301,026.84

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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk