

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

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

**VISITORS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

Morawitz MOVED and Miller SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**VOICE VOTE  
MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of January 7 and Work Session of January 14, 2020;
- Liquor License Renewal: Under the Sun, Ltd., 733 Avenue G, effective March 1, 2020 – Class B Native Wine with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General Store, 4809 Avenue O, effective March 1, 2020 – Class C Beer, Class B Wine with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Fort Madison Liquor and Tobacco Outlet Plus, 1735 Avenue H, effective February 1, 2020 – Class B Wine, Class C Beer, Class E Liquor and Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Hy-Vee Food Store, 2606 Avenue L, effective March 19, 2020 – Class B Wine, Class C Beer, Class E Liquor with Sunday Sales;
- Payroll: January 17, 2020.

**VOICE VOTE  
MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**COMMUNITY UPDATES:** Baxter Sports Complex: Larry Smith, Terry Hope and Doug Snaadt, members of the Baxter Sports Complex Board, and the Complex Director, Jeff Woodside, gave a presentation on the Complex's activities. They noted the facility served 1,500 youth and 1,000 adults in 2019. Improvements made include replacing the infield mix and regrading to improve drainage, adding terracing, a patio and seating at the sand volleyball facility and rebranding the concession stand. The facility partners

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with Lee County Baseball/Softball. In conjunction with the YMCA, the facility holds spring and fall soccer as well as coach pitch and t-ball. The Doherty Baseball Academy will hold clinics at the complex. USSSA baseball is scheduled two nights a week and a third night might be added. So far there are eight ball tournaments from April 1 to the end of June and three volleyball tournaments, a soccer tourney and a couple all night tournaments scheduled this year. The facility is home to Fort Madison Community School District soccer games also. The Board has two upcoming fundraisers, a trivia night and Social Tour and Auction Fundraiser.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** The Library is performing an inventory of their contents. The Fire Department received ballistic vests for when the firefighters are in the field. The Police Department has made internal improvements and policy changes. The officers are participating in online training. The Planning Department is working on zoning code updates that the Planning and Zoning Commission will review at their meeting next Tuesday.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### ***Concerning the Transfer of City-Owned Property located 3421 Avenue L (former Rashid Library Building) to the Lee County Board of Supervisors***

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:01 P.M.. There were no oral or written comments. At 6:02 P.M., Mohrfeld closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03, TRANSFER PROPERTY:** Lair MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to adopt a resolution transferring and authorizing execution of a Warranty Deed for City-Owned Property located at 3421 Avenue L to the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**2ND READING AMENDING ADMINISTRATION:** Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the second 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.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04, ORDER CONSTRUCTION:** Rink MOVED and Cargas SECONDED to adopt a resolution ordering construction and setting public hearing for Public Improvement Project 2018-04, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

City Manager David Varley said the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) will open bids tomorrow. IDOT suggested the City might save \$50,000 if the contractor was allowed to grind up the old highway surface to use as subgrade.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05, APPROVE URTEDS:** Cargas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution granting property tax exemption for: Ruth A. Griffiths for property at 8 Woodland Heights Court (new condominium); Muddy River Enterprises, Ltd. for property at 6 East Limits (new garage) and Mbmre, LLC property at 3422 Woodland Heights (new condominium), 3 Woodland Heights Court (new condominium) and 3434 Woodland Heights (new condominium).

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020.

### **OTHER**

**APPROVE CLAIMS:** Morawitz MOVED and Cargas SECONDED to approve Claims dated January 15, 2020, Library Claims dated January 15, 2020 and the December Financial Report.

**VOICE VOTE  
MOTION PASSED 7-0**

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## **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Bowker suggested Council review the yearly 2% automatic water increase. Mohrfeld suggested this be on the agenda for the February 18 Council meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:** Varley noted the Historic Preservation Commission would like the City to list the steam locomotive on the National Register of Historic Places. Miller and Krogmeier drove throughout the City looking at structures and dilapidated properties. Morawitz noted Lincoln Neighborhood Watch received their 501c(3) designation. Bowker said the former Section 8 housing program has vouchers for qualified persons. Once approved the person can take the vouchers to any landlord. Alliant Energy will perform an energy audit for the City. Rink reported Donna Amandus will assist with private sector assistance for the dog park. Andrews reported he has already talked to some of the event organizers regarding their events.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mohrfeld attended a legislative forum and met with the legislators afterwards regarding issues with dilapidated buildings. He also toured the Airport.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:29 P.M., the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. A Budget Work Session will be held following the February 4 regular meeting.

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated January 15, 2020, in the amount of \$248,534.77 and Library Claims, dated January 15, 2020, in the amount of \$12,833.64.

<b>PAYROLL</b>	1/17/2020
General	\$187,976.90
Special Revenue	10,209.43
Road Use	25,653.99
Water	27,579.83
Sewer	37,648.52
Solid Waste/IWC	11,862.83
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,647.39
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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk