

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

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

The meeting was held with Council, the Mayor and staff present and also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

VISITORS – There were none.

AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Miller SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
VOICE VOTE**

CONSENT AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes and Work Session Minutes of June 2, 2020;
- Outdoor Service Extension: Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective July 4 and 5, 2020;
- Liquor License Renewal: Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective August 1, 2020 – Class C Liquor with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Fort Madison Elks Lodge #374, 719 Avenue H, effective July 1, 2020 – Class A Liquor (Private Club) with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Fareway Stores #177, 1820 Avenue H, effective July 24, 2020 – Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Class E Liquor;
- Liquor License Renewal: Faeth's, 832 Avenue G, effective June 30, 2020 – Class C Liquor;
- Resolution No. 2020-32, approving Resignation Agreement & Release;
- Approval of Cigarette Permits;
- Setting public hearing for Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. on an application for an upper-story rental housing conversion grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant Program;
- Claims dated June 11, May Financial Update, May Manual Claims and City Manager Financial Update; and
- Payroll: June 5, 2020.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: The Storms Court project is wrapping up. The new street sweeper has been delivered and is in use. Crews are preparing streets for the asphalt overlay and seal coat projects. The fire department responded to a dump fire at the landfill and had a call for a house fire on Denmark Hill at the same time. The digital radio bids came in on Friday. The initial cost to add onto the state’s system is \$7.1 million. Chief Herren believes this can be negotiated and then the cost brought down using some 911 funds.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. D-061, AMEND “TRAFFIC”: Morawitz MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance amending the Fort Madison City Code, Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 3, Speed, and replacing Title 9, Chapter 4, Traffic Regulations, Chapter 5, Turning Regulations and Other Violations, and Chapter 6 Equipment.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the third reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED, this 2nd day of June, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33, APPLY FOR REC TRAILS GRANT: Cangas MOVED and Miller SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Transportation’s State Recreational Trails program grant for construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 4 – 48th Street Trail Connection.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 16th day of June, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-34, TAX EXEMPTION: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution granting property tax exemption for Larry and Diana Peck for property at 3108 Avenue E (new home).

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 16th day of June, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31, WAIVE SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS: Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Fletcher R. and Pamela S. Fett, for property located at 2776 – 220th Street, within two miles of City Limits.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 2nd day of June, 2020.

OTHER

SEIBUS CONTRACT: Cangas MOVED and Lair 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, 2020.

Bowker asked if Council could be provided with more information regarding the number of riders.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

APPROVE SEAL COAT BID: Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the bid of Pro Paving, LLC, of Middletown, Iowa, of \$.50 per square foot (double seal) for the 2020 Street Seal Coat Program.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

APPROVE ASPHALT BID: Morawitz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the bid of W. L. Miller Company, of Hamilton, Illinois, of \$1.96 per square foot for the 2020 Yearly Asphalt Program.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

27th STREET BRIDGE AGREEMENT: Cangas MOVED and Miller SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates of West Des Moines, Iowa, for Preliminary Design Phase services for Replacement of the 27th Street Bridge over Dry Creek.

Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said the City will receive federal funding for the replacement of both these bridges, the grants are an 80/20 match. The engineering will be credited as part of the City’s 20% match.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

AVENUE F BRIDGE AGREEMENT: Miller MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates of West Des Moines, Iowa, for Preliminary Design Phase services for Replacement of the Avenue F Bridge Over French Creek (1600 block).

**MOTION PASSED 7-0
ROLL CALL**

RIVERFEST LEASE: Mohrfeld said Riverfest is moving forward and a lease needs to be approved. He believed events should not be charged fees by the City. Andrews said he and Rink met with Boussetot and he applauded how Boussetot was trying to standardize things to give everyone the same treatment. Staff's concern is how does the City pay for the extra costs related to a special event? It does take time, equipment and overtime. He felt that was up to Council. He felt a precedent would be set if the lease were approved and asked how these fees would impact the Tri-State Rodeo.

At a question regarding the Tourism Reimbursement Fund, Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier asked what events Council believed qualified for reimbursement from hotel/motel tax proceeds.

Cangas agreed it would be nice if the City could do this for nothing. His concern is whatever it is that we are charging them (for all events) is the amount significant enough to negate the problem it would cause? If it was only a few thousand dollars it might not be worth haggling over.

Mohrfeld said the event puts heads in beds and provides sales tax funds. He felt if events meet the City's criteria then the leases should be about liability and understanding and free.

Bowker believed the utilities should be borne by the event. Lair felt guidelines were needed, if you tear something up you should have to fix it. Andrews questioned if this should come out of the hotel/motel tax receipts. He suggested one year free for Riverfest with them paying for any damages and utilities.

Varley asked what he should charge persons wanting to rent the pavilion for a family reunion or wedding since Council was not going to charge for a money-making event. He noted a youth fishing tournament using a small portion of the park for a day was charged \$25.

Andrews said if these events make money they invest that money back into the event. It is not a for-profit business. Cangas said he did not see this as penalizing people who make money, but rewarding someone who is bringing in business and people and commerce to the area and improving the quality of life.

Shanna Krogmeier, 2221 Avenue C, a member of the Riverfest Committee, said they had concerns with the lease and appreciate Council addressing the funding structure. She said Riverfest runs on a very small profit margin.

Bowker suggested waiving the fees in the future and requesting an impact study from the event showing how many hotel rooms they filled and what they estimate is number of dollars spent in the community.

Bowker MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s signature on a one-year lease with RiverFest FM, LLC, and authorizing the Mayor to determine what fees would be charged.

**MOTION PASSED 6-1
MORAWITZ NAY
ROLL CALL**

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: Cangas said he will be meeting with the Fire and Police chiefs and City Manager to form a public safety committee. Historic Preservation Commission wants to plan a cemetery clean up. Bowker questioned if the Parks Board would be interested in installing some splash pads throughout the City. The pool will open on Saturday.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: He had conversations with three different organizations today regarding the marina, one that provides services, one interested in taking over the marina in some way and one interested in providing a hospitality service at the marina.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated May 28, 2020, in the amount of \$967,667.14.

PAYROLL	6/5/2020
General	\$179,476.02
Marina	602.84
Old Fort	2,727.67
Road Use	31,162.38
Tourism	1,427.36
Water	27,282.33
Sewer	38,267.38
Solid Waste	11,347.89
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	2,776.61
	<u>\$295,383.25</u>

Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk