

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Mark Lair, Rebecca Bowker, Rusty Andrews, Tom Schulz, Donna Amandus, Chad Cangas and Kevin Rink present either in person or electronically.

The meeting was held with participants present either in person or electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS: There were none.

AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

POLICE OFFICERS AWARDS

Mohrfeld and Chief of Police Mark Rohloff presented plaques to several police officers for exemplary service. Captain Corey Brown, Detective David Doyle and Officers Nathan Parker and Joshua Wade received awards of valor for their part in eliminating a threat from an armed man at a local industry on December 10, 2019. Officer Greg Warosh received an award for administering life-saving first aid to the victim of a stabbing on August 19.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of December 1, 2020;
- Liquor License Renewal: La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, effective January 1, 2021 - Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- Setting public hearing for Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. to rezone 2110 – 303rd Avenue from R-1, Single Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial;
- Claims dated December 10, 2020, November Manual Claims, November Financial Report;
- Payroll of December 4, 2020.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Police Department is working with the Public Works Department regarding detours for the next construction season. Two officers are attending a ‘train the trainer’ school. The Fire Department prepared a video for the schools on how the department uses technology. The Board of Supervisors opened up bids for ambulances. There were three bidders. Six new ambulances will be purchased.

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The City's attorney are planning the next step following the deadline for the nuisance building downtown. A walk-through of the 2nd to 6th Street project was held. A water main started leaking by the old tourist center. Ownership of the main is being determined. An informational session was held for the 6th to 10th project. Schulz noted he attended and learned a plan was prepared for every single business along that stretch of highway.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mohrfeld explained the process for reconsideration of a vote.

RECONSIDERATION OF 3RD READING, PARKING PROHIBITED: Schulz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to reconsider the third reading of an Amendment to Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Stopping, Standing, Parking, Section 6, Parking Prohibited.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Lair, Andrews, Rink, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

3rd READING, PARKING PROHIBITED: Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the third reading of an Amendment to Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Stopping, Standing, Parking, Section 6, Parking Prohibited.

Cangas said if there is some specific information or data that is still needed, this could be tabled until the information is gathered.

Council briefly discussed the history of Avenue E and how the City has arrived at this point. Bowker said regardless of what decisions were made in the past regarding this matter, the public safety issue is relevant to today.

Andrews asked how the Public Safety Committee came about. Cangas said there were concerns brought to Bowker who talked to the Police Chief about Avenue E. A Public Safety Committee was being formed and took the matter up. Several options were reviewed. The solution presented to Council was deemed the best solution to the issues that were found as there is more traffic coming up from the south side and more residences on the north side.

At a question from Schulz, Cangas said increasing the setbacks at the corners was discussed. Since these are smaller blocks, that would basically eliminate parking.

A concern was expressed regarding the End of the Month Meals at St. John's United Church of Christ. Cangas said solutions can be found for that. Rohloff said a meeting was held with SJUCC and the End of the Month Meal coordinator.

Bill Faeth, 2609 Avenue D, was concerned children were going to get hurt crossing Avenue E to get to Central and Old Settlers Park if their parents have to park on the north side of Avenue E.

Chief Rohloff said the committee was asked to review a problem and find a solution. He provided crash analysis data for Avenue E since 2018. The City has been in contact with some of the churches. He noted all we can do is offer you defined road widths, lane widths and accidents.

Following a long discussion, Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to table the motion.

MOTION PASSED 6-1
Bowker - Nay

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ORDINANCE NO. D-069, ELECTRIC FRANCHISE: Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED approve the third reading of an ordinance repealing the current electric franchise, granting a new franchise to Interstate Power and Light, and imposing a franchise fee.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Lair, Andrews, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the third reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of December, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. D-070, GAS FRANCHISE: Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED approve the third reading of an ordinance repealing the current gas franchise, granting a new franchise to MidAmerican Energy Company, and imposing a franchise fee.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Schulz, Amandus, Lair, Andrews, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the third reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of December, 2020.

1st READING, VACATE R-O-W: Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED approve the first reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 15th day of December, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-72, WAIVE SUBDIVISION: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Blue Grass Farms, Inc., for property located west of 2000 – 303rd Avenue, within two miles of City Limits.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 15th day of December, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-73, APPLY FOR TAP GRANT: Cangas MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant (TAP) from the Iowa Department of Transportation to construct 2,450 feet of trail for PORT Trail System Phase 4, 48th Street from Avenue L to River Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Cangas, Rink
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 15th day of December, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-74, APPLY FOR STBG GRANT: Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing filing with the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for a Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for old Highway 61 between 30th and 41st Streets. from Avenue L to River Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Cangas, Rink
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 15th day of December, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-75, PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt a resolution granting property tax exemption to Jamie R Piles/Jamie-Lee M. Wagner, for property at 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Cangas, Rink
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 15th day of December, 2020.

OTHER

CHANGE ORDER #2: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order #2 for Public Improvement Project 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Fort Madison Community High School to Rodeo Park Trail.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Disclaimer of Interest of Realty.

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Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said the Iowa Department of Transportation is paying the City to relocate the Henry Laydn sewer project. In order to receive the funding from IDOT for the project, the City needs to release their interest in right-of-way IDOT acquired from the county for this project.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: The Parks Board is still working on their five-year plan.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: A meeting was held with some interested persons concerning the marina today. A presentation should be made by February to Council. A proposal will be brought to Council for a business expansion incentive.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:54 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. Mohrfeld noted the meeting will continue as a hybrid meeting.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated December 10, 2020, in the amount of \$370,802.30 and November Manual claims in the amount of \$39,882.22.

PAYROLL	12/4/2020
General	\$196,975.38
Old Fort	2,775.21
Road Use	25,967.99
Tourism	1,529.66
Water	30,562.91
Sewer	42,964.90
Solid Waste	11,648.07
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	<u>3,734.23</u>
	\$316,644.89

Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk