

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rusty Andrews, Mark Lair, Rebecca Bowker, Tom Schulz, Kevin Rink and Donna Amandus present. Council Member Chad Cangas was absent.

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:** Bryan McFadden, 504 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, felt the City Council ignores the Constitution of the United States. He accused the City of having hidden assets that could have been loaned to Bryan Humphrey to repair his building. He was upset over what he believed were circumstances that he believed contributed to Humphrey's death.

### **AGENDA**

Amandus MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Bowker MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of February 16, 2021;
- Claims dated February 26 and February Library Claims; and
- Payroll: February 16, 2021.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**STREET DEPARTMENT 5-YEAR PLAN:** Public Works Director Mark Boussetot, presented a five-year plan for replacement and repair of streets.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** The City initially purchased a larger amount of 65-gallon garbage carts but more persons changed to the 95-gallon size. There are approximately 400 of the 65-gallon carts that are unused. An alternative use for the carts would be to purchase blue lids and citizens could use them as recycling bins. Some cities charge a fee, such as \$1 to \$5. Now that the snow has melted the building inspector is going to start on nuisances again. The Fire Department will be standing by for the railroad as they do some confined space work. The local Elks have donated funds for the Fire Department to purchase a stair chair. A \$4,500 health and fitness grant has been received from the hospital to upgrade the fitness area at the fire station. The Public Works department is holding safety trainings for workers. There was a water main break at Avenue D and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. A crew begin installation of a water main to Scenic Drive. Jones Construction should begin on the FMHS to Rodeo trail next week. The Police Department has been reviewing potential detour routes for the upcoming construction season and how to manage problem areas.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### ***Concerning Public Improvement Project 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61, 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street***

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:17 P.M. There were no written or oral comments. Mohrfeld then closed the public hearing at 6:18 P.M.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-13, ADOPT PLANS, SPECS, FORM OF CONTRACT:** Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt plans, specifications and form of contract for the project.

At a question from Council, Boussetot said this project also includes sewer, sanitary, storm and water lines. Bids were opened by the Iowa Department of Transportation on February 16.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

**RESOLUTION No. 2021-14, AWARD CONTRACT:** Bowker MOVED and Rink SECONDED to award construction contract for the project in the amount of \$3,324,777 to Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point, Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Jones Contracting Corp., pending receipt of the documents.

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

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2021-15, AMEND PERSONNEL MANUAL:** Schulz MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution updating the City Personnel Manual by establishing procedures for providing Temporary Modified Duty Assignments.

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

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16, RATIFY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:** Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt a resolution ratifying a settlement agreement with Teamster Local 238, Water Department.

City Manager David Varley said this is the first of the City's three unions to settle. This is a three-year agreement with a 2 ½% salary increase each year.

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

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

## OTHER

**SET P.H. BUDGET:** Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and setting Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:30 P.M., as date and time for hearing.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**JETTY WALL AGREEMENT:** Bowker MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Klingner & Associates, P.C., for the Marina Jetty Wall Improvements.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**KLINGNER AMENDMENT #3:** Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the City Manager's signature on Supplemental Agreement #3 to a Consultant Contract with Klingner & Associates, P.C., for redesign of the micropiles, value engineering and survey and design work for the storm/sanitary sewer separation in the Depot area.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Larry Wright and Corey Fraise to the Planning and Zoning Commission, terms expiring March 31, 2024.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**MARINA GROUP LEASE:** Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor to work with the City Attorney to negotiate a long-term lease with the marina group for the purpose to bring the lease to Council for modification and/or approval.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

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**PSA FOR HAPPY HOLLOW WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT:** Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for Preliminary General Work and Design Phase Services for the Happy Hollow Water Main Replacement project.

Bousselot explained the project requires a Department of Natural Resources permit. In order to apply for the permit, an engineer needs to prepare the plans. In this case, HR Green will prepare a simple set of plans so the City can apply for the permit. Bousselot choose HR Green as they are the most familiar with the City's water system.

**MOTION PASSED 5-1**  
(Rink – Nay)

**OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:** If the Dog Park Committee is able to raise \$5,000 by April 2, a donor has agreed to match that amount. These funds will be used to install shelters at the dog park. The Mayor attended the Library Board meeting last week and he noted they had a very good conversation. They discussed how the library tax levy could fund the repairs that will be needed at the library as well as the possible installation of solar on the roof. They also discussed the Board's role as well as a five-year plan. A stakeholder's group will be put together to look at their long-term direction. The Historic Iowa State Penitentiary (HISP) group have begun meeting on a particular initiative that will hopefully benefit the community. A preconstruction meeting was held for the Pen City parking lot last week. The Fort Madison Beautification Foundation has an online survey they are asking citizens to take. Bowker asked if the City website could include a page with updates regarding projects. Schulz will be meeting with a Community Watch group this weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:01 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until March 16, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated February 26, 2021, in the amount of \$315,130.21, and February Library Claims, in the amount of \$8,022.58.

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>2/26/2021</b>
General	\$ 192,607.30
Old Fort	2,766.89
Employee Benefits	7,243.42
Road Use	35,078.70
Tourism	1,529.66
Water	30,483.61
Sewer	41,157.47
Solid Waste	12,024.60
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,555.03
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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk