

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 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, Chad Cangas and Donna Amandus present. Council Member Cangas, Andrews and Lair participated 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

Bowker MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of April 6 and 8, 2021;
- Liquor License Renewal: Horan's Cabaret, 1337 Avenue G, effective May 7, 2021 – Class C Liquor with Outdoor Service;
- Claims dated April 15, 2021, and April Library Claims; and
- Payroll: April 9, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

PRESENTATION: Mark Holtkamp reported The Madison is seeking to expand the care center and to add assisted living and memory care units. He hoped construction would be able to start in late July with the additional rooms opening in the summer of 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Board of Adjustment reviewed a request for a special use permit and a rezoning. The rezoning request will be brought before Council next month. There is a slight issue with some elevations and grade on the Rodeo Park trail project. The Police Department has been averaging 98 calls per day. Traffic seems to be adjusting to the road closure of Avenue H from 6th to 10th Street and detour. The Fire and Building Departments need to update the software they use for records and inspections. The software company has been bought out and is no longer being supported. Budget amendments are being prepared and will come before Council in May. Spring cleanup vouchers were mailed. Energy audits for City buildings will begin next week.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning the Adoption of an Amended City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan

Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:13 P.M. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 6:14 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23, AMEND URTED PLAN: Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting the Amended City-Wide Urban Revitalization Plan for the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 20th day of April, 2021.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. D-073, AMEND CONSTRUCTION BOARD/FIRE CODE: Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 11, Construction Board of Appeals, by adding a new Section 11 "Application", and Title 3, Fire, Chapter 2, International Fire Code, by adding a new Section 4, "Appeals".

Schulz expressed some concern about citizens appealing decisions from the Fire/Building Department. He noted the International Fire and Building Codes are very complicated. Planning Director Doug Krogmeier fully believed the process is needed. Fire Chief Joey Herren agreed and said checks and balances are needed.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the third reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24, UPDATE FEES: Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt a resolution updating fees for Rezoning Applications and setting a Construction Board of Appeals Hearing Application Fee.

Krogmeier said this sets fees for Construction Board appeals and increases the fee for Rezoning Applications.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 20th day of April, 2021.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25, APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adopt a resolution ratifying a Settlement Agreement with the Public Professional and Maintenance Employees, Local 2003, Police Department

City Attorney Pat O'Connell said extraneous language has been removed from the agreement and several language items were changed.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 20th day of April, 2021.

OTHER

BOXING CLUB LEASE: Schulz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a One-Year Lease Agreement with Sanchez Boxing.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

APPOINTMENT: Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dan Bahl to the Airport Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring September 30, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CHANGE ORDER, PIP 2020-05: Schulz MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 1 for Public Improvement Project 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61, 6th to 10th Street.

Public Works Director Mark Busselot reported this change order is due to issues with the price of pvc pipe. There is a resin shortage as the industry had to shut down for a time. The increase is just under \$4,000

MOTION PASSED 6-1 (Rink)

CHANGE ORDER, PIP 2020-03: Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 3 for Public Improvement Project 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation – Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail.

Busselot reported this change order will increase the project by roughly \$66,000. PORT and the hospital foundation are paying for the changes. The change order includes \$52,000 for the additional trail going down 18th Street to the school parking lot. There is an older water line that crosses the trail. Upon learning the age of the line, Busselot believed it made sense to replace the line now instead of tearing up the trail later if the line failed.

Council Members expressed some concern over change orders for any project. Bowker noted that statistically there are an average of 5-9 change orders for any given project.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

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OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Schulz said he had a good meeting concerning the Old Fort. He said the Fort has value as a tourist attraction and the source of Fort Madison's identity but he admitted it will never be a moneymaker. The Fort rates as one of the top locations from American Cruise Lines' passengers. He believed more community involvement and volunteers are needed. The Fort Madison Beautification Foundation will have an event at the pocket park on May 13. Rink requested the City's towing service contract be rebid.

Mohrfeld reported the Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission approved a \$1.5 million grant for the marina.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:52 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until May 4, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated April 15, 2021, in the amount of \$271,570.86, and April Library Claims, in the amount of \$8,306.72.

PAYROLL	4/9/2021
General	\$ 196,695.57
Old Fort	2,766.89
Road Use	28,098.35
Hotel/Motel	642.11
Water	29,434.42
Sewer	58,177.41
Solid Waste	11,932.66
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,744.13
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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk