

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, August 3, 2021

The City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Mark Lair, Rebecca Bowker, Tom Schulz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Chad Cangas and Donna Amandus present.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS:** Jan Garza, 2023 Avenue H, read a letter regarding Charlie Adams. The letter asked if Adams could be designated Mr. Fort Madison or recognized at the Tri-State Rodeo.

### **AGENDA**

Amandus MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda.

- Minutes of July 20, 2021;
- Liquor License Renewal: JoeDees, 1828 Avenue L, effective August 1, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L, effective August 1, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- New Liquor License: Corks & Barrels, 622 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street, effective August 4, 2021 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales;
- Claims dated July 30, 2021 and July Manual Claims; and
- Payrolls of July 16 and July 30, 2021.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**COMMUNITY UPDATES: 2 x 4's for Hope:** Group members, Lester Kropp and Stephanie Warner, reported this is a non-profit organization formed in 2015 in Quincy, Illinois. The mission is to build tiny homes for homeless veterans. Since that time, homes have been built in Carthage, Quincy, Rushville and Madison, Illinois. They would like to expand the program to Fort Madison. The home is built from start to finish in eight days. When the home is turned over to the veteran it will be completely furnished with dishes, etc.

All donations raised in Fort Madison will be used to construct the homes in Fort Madison. The group sets up at community events and asks persons to sign the 2 x 4's used to build the homes with encouraging messages. The signed 2 x 4's are used to build the home and the veteran gets to see the messages before the walls are constructed. The program will need a vacant lot but are willing to accept lots with dilapidated houses and they will tear the houses down. Lots that can hold two or three houses are preferred. Following completion of the home, the program keeps in touch with the veterans to make sure they get the service they need.

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Mohrfeld said this will involve some review by planning and zoning but felt this would be a great addition to Fort Madison.

## ***Public Improvement Project 2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction & Stormwater Improvements***

**CO #4, PIP 2020-01:** Schulz MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 4 for Public Improvement Project 2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43, ACCEPT PROJECT:** Cangas MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement Project 2020-01, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements as complete.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**SET PUBLIC HEARING:** Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, concerning an Application for Upper Story Housing Conversion from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant Program for a project at 802 Avenue G, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021.

## **OTHER**

**HISTORIC SANTA FE DEPOT:** Bowker MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Klingner & Associates to verify the plans for the Historic Santa Fe Depot meet current ADA standards.

Public Works Director Mark Busselot said following a meeting with Amtrak it was learned there are some things that need to be done as well as concerns with ADA. Changes at the depot were made in 2013 and those plans met ADA standards. This review will allow the City to make changes in order to meet Amtrak's standards.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

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Mohrfeld said originally this was to be a manned stop with a ticket counter. That later changed to an unmanned stop. Amtrak said this has changed again and Fort Madison will be a manned stop with a ticket counter. The City signed an contract with the North Lee County Historical Society in 2012 which designates the exact of amount of space that is currently needed.

**CO #3, PIP 2020-05:** Amandus MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 3 for Public Improvement Project 2020.05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Bousselot said this was slowed down due to a cellar found outside of the Kingsley Inn that was not in the plans.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**CO #6, PIP 2020-03:** Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 6 for Public Improvement Project 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation: Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail.

Bousselot said the change order includes some asphalt work by the cemetery, addition of erosion stone on 18<sup>th</sup> Street and additional grading on a driveway.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jerry Schulz, term expiring September 30, 2024, and Al Schulte, term expiring September 30, 2022, to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Schulz abstained, stating Jerry Schulz is his father.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**REAPPOINTMENTS:** Schulz MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Jerry Schulz, term expiring September 30, 2024, and Al Schulte, term expiring September 30, 2022, to the Construction Board of Appeals.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Nine firms submitted proposals in response to the City's RFQ for the fire station/public works shop project. Several staff members and Council member Andrews are reviewing the proposals. The 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Street project was slowed by an orphan tank holding fluid. The DNR was called in to look at it. The CB&Q sidewalk was poured today. The auditors completed their field work. They are now working on the City's federal grants with the assistance of the grant administrator at Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission. Two American Cruise Lines' ships arrived last week and two more are scheduled for this week. The first payment for the electric franchise was received and was approximately \$56,000.

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## **OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Fort Madison Beautification Foundation will be meeting one Saturday a month to focus on cleaning up selected neighborhoods. The first cleanup will be on August 28 at Shopton. Amandus suggested a splash pad be installed at Victory Park where the tennis courts are now. She also suggested moving the water fountain at the dog park to the inside of the park.

Mohrfeld joined Dave Barker and others at a governor's luncheon in Des Moines. He said the number one topic from education to banking to construction was the availability of workforce. He felt Lee County is now in a good position to retain skilled workers. He went to Mattoon, Illinois to look at their combined Amtrak station and historic museum. He believed Fort Madison needed to move forward with a plan for redoing the streets and sidewalks in Fort Madison's downtown. He thanked the Fort Madison High School football players. They assisted with cleaning the depot as well as blasting and painting the railing on the pier.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:26 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until August 17, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated July 30, 2021, in the amount of \$548,852.81, and Manual Claims dated July 30, 2021, in the amount of \$154,319.13.

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>7/30/2021</b>	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>7/16/2021</b>
General	\$160,909.75	General	\$202,153.63
Marina	158.24	Marina	254.33
Old Fort	5,242.11	Old Fort	5,924.89
Road Use	23,404.84	Emp. Benefits	6,875.29
Tourism	1,429.82	Road Use	29,932.31
Water	24,068.62	Tourism	1,374.67
Sewer	23,821.16	Water	30,437.47
Solid Waste	11,333.51	Sewer	31,725.89
Airport	312.77	Solid Waste	14,909.67
Storm Water	3,041.79	Airport	486.54
	<u>\$253,722.61</u>	Storm Water	<u>3,808.07</u>
			<u>\$327,882.76</u>

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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk