

**Old Fort Madison Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 5:15 PM
City Hall Landing Conference Room**

PRESENT: Charles Block, David Moehn, Sharon Harp, Chris Schoene, Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager), Neal Boeding (Council Liaison)

ABSENT: Martin Graber, Roxanna Crail, Carol Foss. **John Luna (Management Analyst) - Excused,**

GUESTS: Ted Kolbet, Linda Baxter.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Moehn at 5:59 PM when a Quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF September 19, 2012 MINUTES: Block MOVED, and Harp SECONDED, to APPROVE the minutes. Motion CARRIED 4 - 0.

APPROVAL OF October 17, 2012 MINUTES: Block MOVED, and Schoene SECONDED, to APPROVE the minutes. Motion CARRIED 4 - 0.

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. The Christmas tree has been setup between the Factory and the Old Fort.
- B. The Nutcracker figures have been erected around the grounds.
- C. The Christmas Event will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18.
- D. Evaluation of fire damage repairs to the Old Fort is with the insurance company.
- E. Approximately 100 - 6th Graders toured the Old Fort on November 6.
- F. Watkins will speak to a retired school teachers group in December.
- G. Rangers' campout is scheduled for December 8.
- H. Commission will have to address budget considerations at the December meeting.
- I. Byron Smith, City Manager, will be present at the December meeting.

INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT: None.

GIFT SHOP REPORT: Written Report was presented by Linda Baxter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Informational Signs along Fourth Street.
 - a. The signs have been erected.
- B. Battlefield Site Owned by Holy Trinity (status of possible sale to Hotel Group). Any Involvement from Archaeological Consortium?
 - a. Waiting for answers. No word from Holy Trinity or from The Archaeological Conservancy.
- C. Status of Monies Donated to Old Fort Madison.
 - a. No update.
- D. Plans for Christmas lights and tree at Old Fort.
 - a. Tree is up.
 - b. Christmas Event will be held November 17 and 18.
- E. Possible Bicentennial Activities for 2013.
 - a. No new plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Money for Repairs from Fire at the Old Fort.
 - a. City Manager indicates that we need to find money from our budget, possibly **using Dr. Eugene Watkins' salary.**
 - b. Apparently Capital funds have been being used for operating expense.
 - c. Site Manager may revert to a seasonal position.
 - d. May have to lose at least one Interpreter.

ADJOURNMENT: Block MOVED, and Harp SECONDED, to ADJOURN. Motion CARRIED 4 - 0.

Meeting was ADJOURNED by Moehn at 6:18 PM.