

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 4, 2013- 7:00 P.M.**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Presiding was Mayor Bradley A. Randolph with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Neal Boeding and Jason Huppert. Council Members Travis Seidel and Mark Lair were absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

There were none.

AGENDA

Boeding MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of October 15, 2013, as written;
- Resolution No. 2013-77, granting URTED to Randell H Boe/Laurie K Farmer for property located at 310 Avenue A (garage);
- Setting public hearing for November 19, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. on an ordinance amending Title 10, Chapter 31 to allow hunting grounds as special uses; and,
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

New City Seal

City Clerk Blind said information regarding the contest was distributed to art teachers at Fort Madison and Holy Trinity high schools, Iowa Wesleyan College, Western Illinois University and Southeastern Community College. Three designs were received.

Mayor Randolph said the original intent was to reflect more of the city without losing the historical aspect. He believed these were good examples. Wright felt the seal showing the bridge over the river with the fort in the front represents Fort Madison and keeps the historic aspect. It was questioned if something representing industry could be added, possibly people also.

Randolph instructed Council Members to contact City Manager Smith regarding anything they would like to see on the seal. City staff will talk to the designer of the seal and see if he can “tweak” the design.

Bob Morawitz, 1405 Avenue D, said the locomotive crossing the bridge appears to be BNSF locomotive and this might be in violation of corporate trademark laws.

Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to table the motion to approve a new City Seal design.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

No action was taken on an agenda item to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 15, Section 3, adopting a new City Seal.

2nd READING, AMEND 9-7-13(B), ABANDONED VEHICLES: Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending City Code Section 9-7-13(B) entitled “Abandoned Vehicles” to set impoundment and storage fees.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Huppert
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 5th day of November, 2013.

OTHER

UPDATE ON QUALITY OF LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE: Smith said the first project for the Infrastructure Initiative has been completed and outlined the following additional projects and when they will occur:

Mill/Overlay

Fall 2013 - 16th Street-Avenue H to Avenue B – **Completed**

Spring 2014 - Avenue B-16th Street to 18th Street

Avenue E-34th Place to 35th Place

17th Street-Avenue H to Avenue D
Fall 2014 - Avenue I-15th Street to 11th Street
Avenue M-30th Street to 32nd Street
Avenue F-19th Street to 23rd Street
Spring 2015 - 13th Street-Avenue H to Avenue B
14th Street-Avenue H to Avenue E
28th Street-Avenue J to Avenue L
Fall 2015 - 31st Street-Avenue L to Avenue P
32nd Street-Avenue I to Avenue J
Avenue J-29th Street to 30th Street
Spring 2016 - Avenue J-23rd Street to 24th Street
Avenue M-27th Street to 28th Street
Avenue C-14th Street to 17th Street
Fall 2016 - 26th Street-Avenue G To Avenue E
Avenue K-28th Street to 30th Street
Avenue D-20th Street to 21st Street

Smith said the 16th Street Avenue B-H mill/overlay was completed for a cost of \$146,000. The estimate was \$160,000. Requests for qualifications have been sent out for engineering for the three streets that are scheduled for total reconstruction. The highway project will be wrapped into one of these as well.

A special meeting with the Parks Board is planned to discuss park improvements and to get their feedback.

Huppert questioned the length of time to do the projects. Smith said in order to keep costs down city crews are doing some of the work. If the projects are finished ahead of schedule the projects can be moved up and done sooner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Library will be partnering with Main Street for a story walk downtown during the holiday season. Luna said the City has 881 likes on the Facebook page. Jean Peiton was introduced as the Tourism/Marketing Coordinator.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Randolph and Smith met with the Governor’s office and Department of Corrections and hoped to come to a consensus regarding potential reuse of the old prison. He said they made it plainly aware to the DOC and Governor’s office that the City could not undertake the project unless there is a long sustaining funding source so as to not burden the City. There are still questions regarding what buildings the DOC plans to continue to use and once that is determined further meetings can be planned.

Huppert reported there is a contest to vote for the cover of the 2014 Iowa Travel Guide. A photo of Riverview Park during RAGBRAI is on one of the proposed covers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:24 P.M., Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until to adjourn until Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated October 31, 2013 in the amount of \$388,826.07; Manual Claims dated October 31, 2013 in the amount of \$343,082.02 and Library Claims dated October 23, 2013 in the amount of \$22,909.67.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>11/1/2013</u>	<u>10/18/2013</u>
General	\$152,563.91	\$149,238.33
RSVP	1,363.78	1,280.96
Old Fort	2,703.85	2,505.67
Road Use	17,768.89	17,731.60
Water	28,917.14	30,317.32
Sewer	30,720.24	33,233.71
Solid Waste	15,735.51	18,610.48
Storm Water	2,823.94	2,839.66
Docks	0	131.96
Hotel/Motel	<u>1,344.87</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$253,942.13	\$255,889.69

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk