

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 1, 2014**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Presiding was Mayor Pro Tem Chris Greenwald with Council Members Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel and Mark Lair. Mayor Randolph was present via telephone. Council Member Jason Huppert was absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Jan Garza, 2023 Avenue H, asked what steps need to be taken to install a stop sign at the intersection of 11th Street and Avenue E. She said it is very hard to see there.

Jean Peiton, Tourism/Marketing Coordinator, distributed a schedule for the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

AGENDA

Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of June 17, 2014, as written;
- Liquor License Renewal with conditions to: Lost Duck Brewing Company, 723-725 Avenue H, effective July 15, 2014 – Brew Pub, Class B Beer, Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service;
- Liquor License Renewal with conditions: JoeDees, 1828 Avenue L, effective August 1, 2014 – Class C Liquor, Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service;
- Liquor License Renewal: County Market, 1802 Avenue H, effective August 1, 2014 – Class C Liquor, Class B Wine, Sunday Sales;
- Approve Taxi Cab Permit application of D & Z Transportation, 1313 – 24th Street;

- Setting Public Hearing for July 15, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. on rezoning property located at 5701 Avenue O, from R-1, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-2, Business District, General Retail; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

3rd READING, AMEND 9-8-1 AND 9-10-1: Rink MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapter 8, Section 1, entitled “Through Streets” and Title 9, Chapter 10, Section 1, entitled “Stop, Yield Intersections” so as to make 15th Street and Avenue E a “Four Way Stop”.

Greenwald MOVED and Lair SECONDED to table the motion. After speaking with both sides of the issue, Greenwald felt the problem was the speed of persons traveling Avenue E. He has met with the Police Chief to discuss ways to have citizens drive the speed limit there. He said any Council Member can move to bring this motion from the table. If the vote passed, the third reading would then be advertised for the next Council meeting.

Wright believed the stop signs would take care of safety and speed issues. The 11th Street problem seems to be only on Sundays. It was suggested moving the parking back a little more at that intersection. He said he had spoken to engineers who do the traffic studies. Their recommendation is based on what the speed limit is, not the actual speed of the traffic.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Andrews, Seidel, Lair
 NAYES: Rink

MOTION PASSED 5-1

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-30, SUPPORT FOR MAIN STREET: Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adopt a resolution of support and financial commitment to the Main Street Program and authorize the Mayor’s signature on a program agreement with the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

City Manager Byron Smith said the City has entered into these agreements with Main Street every two to three years. Council can discuss the amount of financial commitment at budget time.

Amy Hull, Fort Madison Main Street, gave an overview of Main Street’s accomplishments.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair

NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 1st day of July, 2014.

OTHER

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2014 DODGE DURANGO: Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the purchase of one 2014 Dodge Durango SSV in the amount of \$26,924.00 from Stew Hansen Fleet Sales, of Des Moines, Iowa, for the Police Department.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPROVE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the purchase of one used vehicle in the amount of \$8,000.00 from Jim Baier of Fort Madison for the Police Department.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPROVE CONCRETE WORK FOR RODEO SHOWER HOUSE/RR FACILITY: Rink MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the bid of Coffey Construction of Fort Madison, in the amount of \$10,470.00 for concrete work for a new Shower House and Restroom Facility at Rodeo Park.

Smith said this is a joint project with the Rodeo Corporation to replace the shower house on Scenic Drive. Coffey will install the exterior walls and City crews will frame up the inside. Coffey received the 5% local bidders preference.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

PURCHASE LAWN MOWER: Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the purchase of a 60" front mount lawn mower in the amount of \$8,300.00 from Kempker's True Value of Fort Madison for the Parks and Cemeteries Departments.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPROVE ESTIMATE FOR STREET BORINGS: Greenwald MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the estimate from Mohrfeld Electric to complete two street borings for projects at Rodeo Park for a total cost of \$47,200.00.

Smith said this is for two separate projects. One will be for the new shower house. The other is to supply sewer for the Rodeo Arena expansion. The Rodeo Corporation has agreed to hook up all facilities to City sewer. Some of their facilities are not hooked up and have been causing problems at the old landfill. Three proposals were received.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK: Lair MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the reappointment of Melinda L. Blind as City Clerk, term expiring July 1, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY: Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the reappointment of Robert Johnson as City Attorney, term expiring July 1, 2016.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ACCEPT CITY MANAGER'S RESIGNATION: Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to accept the resignation of Byron D. Smith.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING PROPOSALS FOR CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Smith gave a summary of the three proposals received. Gary Ray of Ray & Associates had assisted the City with union negotiations previously. Pat Callahan worked with the City for the 2014 Goal Setting sessions. Slavin is a national search firm.

Rink questioned if Callahan's additional \$2,500 fee for the "guarantee" could be waived. Smith said the City might be able to perform a few steps in the process to lower the price.

Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve entering into an agreement with Callahan Municipal Consultants LLC for assistance in searching for a new City Manager.

Smith was to contact Callahan to see if a portion of the guarantee fee could be waived.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mike Chapman, Jr., 1617 Avenue B, questioned if the Code Red system could be used when there are tornado warnings. The Fire and Police Chiefs felt Code Red could be used when a thunderstorm warning is announced within a certain radius of Fort Madison but did not believe the system would work quickly enough for tornado warnings. The time frame from when a tornado warning is issued to when the storm hits the Fort Madison area is too brief.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There was nothing remarkable to report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 P.M., Wright MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated June 26, 2014, in the amount of \$266,913.33 and Library Claims dated June 18, 2014 in the amount of \$14,734.52.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>6/27/2014</u>
General	\$164,778.31
RSVP	1,736.83
Docks	227.77
Old Fort	5,050.38
Road Use	16,352.51
Hotel/Motel	1,352.95
Water	26,837.29
Sewer	33,801.10
Solid Waste	18,913.09
Storm Water	4,534.31
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Mayor Pro Tem Chris Greenwald
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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