

**Old Fort Madison Commission  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2014 at 5:15 PM  
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Charles Block, David Moehn, Carol Foss, Sharon Harp, Chuck Ford, Dr. Eugene Watkins (Site Manager), John Luna (Management Analyst), and Brian Wright (Council Liaison).

ABSENT: Russell Savage (Excused).

GUESTS: David Varley (City Manager), Ted Kolbet, and Chris Ford.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Moehn at 5:17 PM. At this time Luna introduced David Varley, the new City Manager, to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Block MOVED, and Foss SECONDED, to APPROVE the MINUTES of the September 17, 2014, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

**SITE MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Watkins listed the following activities:
  - a. September 20: Watkins and volunteers participated in the Pioneer Patriots Day event at a cemetery near Keokuk.
  - b. September 29: a group of about 20 Danish exchange students visiting in Macomb, Illinois, toured the Old Fort.
  - c. October 8: the Old Fort was opened to provide a tour to a couple from Great Britain.
  - d. October 10: A Mt. Pleasant home school group toured the Old Fort.
2. Watkins and Franz caulked and applied the first coat of paint to the new cannon carriage wheel.
3. Watkins has been doing research and putting information together in conjunction with the National Park Service grant.
  - a. There is some confusion over planning and money for the NPS grant.
  - b. \$2,500 will be paid for administration and planning vs. the \$6,500 requested by SEI Regional Planning.
  - c. The Walker Collaborative will be generating the plan for a Museum/Interpretive Center.

**INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT:**

1. The report as of September 30 was sent out to Commission members by Luna on October 13.

**GIFT SHOP REPORT:**

1. No report was available.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Need a new member for the Old Fort Commission.
  - a. A new member is still needed.
2. Discussion on Park Service Grant to City of Fort Madison.
  - a. See Site Manager's Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting on the nonprofit "Friends of Old Fort Madison", October 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Depot Museum.
  - a. Apparently there is an anonymous donor who is willing to donate \$200,000 toward preservation of the Old Fort replica providing a 501c3 corporation is created to receive the funds.
  - b. The FoOFM is separate from the Old Fort Commission but both groups are working toward a common goal.

ADJOURNMENT:           Block MOVED, and Harp SECONDED, to ADJOURN.

MEETING was ADJOURNED by Moehn at 5:53 PM.

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David Moehn  
Chair, Old Fort Commission

Date