

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Mark Lair, Rusty Andrews and Chad Cangas present. Council Member Travis Seidel was absent.

Boy Scout Troop No. 7 presented the colors.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Members of Troop No. 7 brought up issues they have seen. Wyatt Hellman, 703 Avenue D, pointed out the trash along the riverfront and around the entrances into town. He thought placing additional trash cans in Riverview Park and organizing designated cleaning days would help. Tanner Wolf, 2301 Avenue A, said sidewalks are needed on 21st Street between Avenues C and D. Quentin Rhoer said there are no sidewalks in front of his home and no stop sign by the one way street at 13th and Avenue I. Gideon Anderson, 1922 Avenue F, asked if something could be done with kids smoking and doing drugs in the creek along Avenue F. Zachary Boilesen, 1235 Avenue I, asked about notice being given to property owners when streets near them are blocked.

SWEAR IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Randolph gave the Oath of Office to Chad Cangas, Fifth Ward Council Member, and Mark Lair, Fourth Ward Council Member.

AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of November 2, 2015, as written;
- ♦ New Liquor License: Mohlzon Pizza, 2515 Avenue L, effective date December 1, 2015 – Class B Beer with Sunday Sales;

- ♦ Mayor’s appointment of Debbie Green, 2136 Avenue J, to the Fort Madison Housing Authority, filling the unexpired term of Julia Johnson, term expiring June 3, 2016;
- ♦ Resolution No. 2015-72, granting URTD to James E and Cheryl Lynn Barlow, 3524 Avenue N (new garage);
- ♦ October Financial Report; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1ST READING AMEND 9-7-9: Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending 9-7-9, of the City Code, entitled “Ten Minute Parking” so as to remove one ten minute parking space by Richardson School.

Police Chief Niggemeyer said Richardson School has two 10-minute parking spaces. Immediately north of these spaces there is a special needs bus parking area. The school has requested to add the northernmost 10-minute parking space to their special needs bus parking area.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED on this 17th day of November, 2015.

1ST READING AMEND 9-7-4: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending 9-7-4, of the City Code, entitled “Discharging Passengers; Freight” and replacing it with a new “Drop Off, Pick Up Area Only”.

Niggemeyer said this parking area has been a problem for some time with school staff using the parking spaces and parents double-parking to drop their children off. Several different things have been tried in the past and did not work. Niggemeyer met with the school administration and they made an off street parking area for school staff members. The area covered by this ordinance will be reserved for parents dropping their children off. City Manager David Varley felt this solution will be safer for everyone involved as the children will be dropped off onto a sidewalk instead of in the street.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED on this 17th day of November, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-73, APPLY FOR STP FUNDS: Rink MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning for Regional Transportation STP funds for the Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 between 10th and 20th Streets.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the City has received STP awards before for the first eight blocks of Avenue H. He hopes the third phase will coincide with the CSO projects. The City will match 75% of the \$3.5 million project. If the City receives the grant, the work would be done on this section in 2021.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 17nd day of November, 2015.

OTHER

AGREEMENT NO. 2, RAIL PLATFORM ENGINEERING: Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Supplemental Professional Services Agreement No. 2 with Klingner & Associates, P.C., for engineering and architectural services for construction of a Passenger Rail Platform at the Historic Santa Fe Depot.

Varley said the plans for the rail platform must be approved by BNSF, Amtrak and IDOT. BNSF had an issue with the last plan as the platform was at the edge of a curve in the track so the 1,000 foot rail platform must be redesigned and moved to the west.

Randolph said this has been a years' long negotiation process with the entities involved. He said several things have happened in the last few weeks that make him feel more comfortable moving forward. The City has a grant that will cover a portion of the platform costs.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

TENNIS COURT REPAIR ADMINISTRATION: Wright MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to accept the proposal of Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sports Surfaces, LLC, for design services and construction administration services for the repair of the tennis courts at Victory Park.

Management Analyst Luna said the Quality of Life Bond budgeted \$100,000 for the project. Fort Madison High School has used this company and the company has good references. The repairs will have a life expectancy of 10-15 years.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

PURCHASE F250 4X4 FOR WATER DEPARTMENT: Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the purchase of a new 2015 Ford F250 4x4 truck from Carson Motors of Hamilton, Illinois, in the amount of \$26,179.65 for the Water Department.

Driscoll said this is a budgeted item.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

PURCHASE USED GARBAGE TRUCK: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the purchase of a used garbage truck for the Public Works Department for a cost of no more than \$110,000.

Driscoll said this is a budgeted purchase. LaPorte City, Iowa, has hired an outside contractor for garbage collection and no longer needs their garbage truck, a 2013 International. He believes the asking price is reasonable. If the truck is purchased, it could lower a proposed solid waste increase from \$2.00 to \$1.00.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PSAP FUNDING: Varley gave a brief overview of PSAP and it's history. PSAP was formed in 2009 and the 28E governing it expires in 2016. PSAP is funded in part by a levy with each community and the county also paying a percentage of the costs. The smaller towns in Lee County believe they are paying too much for the service. A solution would be a county-wide levy which can provide all the funding for PSAP and the cost would be approximately \$30 per year for a \$75,000 home.

Yesterday the PSAP Board voted to develop a new 28E agreement using the county-wide levy as the funding option. The two representatives from Keokuk were the only no votes. This new agreement must be approved by Emergency Management Board. The PSAP Board felt the levy was the fairest way to providing funding for PSAP.

He said last week the Emergency Management Board discussed how to improve services and work on the agreement. Randolph said Council will have to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to vote for the levy at the Emergency Management Board meeting. The levy would be part of the Emergency Management budget and that budget has to be certified by February 28.

Greenwald said while he has been unhappy with PSAP he recognized the \$175,000 Fort Madison pays PSAP each year would barely cover the wages of employees needed if the City started it's own dispatch center and that would not be fiscally responsible. He would like to revisit this in two years. Varley suggested a longer term but with options within certain years for negotiation. It was agreed more oversight from an operational standpoint was needed.

Randolph said other counties have expressed interest into being part of this dispatch center group and this could offset some costs.

Greenwald said if the \$175,000 would no longer be needed by the City to pay it's share of PSAP, he would like to find a way to change the sales tax ratio. Several years ago the sales tax ratio was changed to 80% General Fund/20% street repair. He would like to see this go back to the 60% General Fund/40% street repair. It was noted the public would have to vote on a sales tax reallocation. Brian Wright left at 8:39 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The 34th Place Neighborhood Watch had their first anniversary last week. They have raised \$12,000 for body cameras for the police department.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Historic Preservation Commission is working on signage for the historic districts. They are also discussing a historic preservation ordinance. Iowa State University students will present their ideas for the Historic Iowa State Penitentiary Wednesday night at the high school.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:52 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated November 11, 2015, in the amount of \$506,248.67 and Manual Claims dated October 30, 2015, in the amount of \$214,936.99.

PAYROLL	11/13/2015
General	\$168,414.78
Special Revenue	4,727.34
Road Use	20,170.29
Water	25,963.02
Sewer	34,577.02
Solid Waste	14,334.96
Storm Water	2,687.78
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	\$270,875.19

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk