

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the agenda as written.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of February 2, 2016, as written;
- ♦ Mayor’s reappointment of Jim Decker and Lauri Wondra to the Parks, Recreation and Dock Board, term expiring April 1, 2020;
- ♦ Mayor’s appointment of Anatalia Arends to the Library Board, term expiring July 1, 2020;
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-12, granting application for URTED to Charles A/Rebecca S Rump, 608 -7<sup>th</sup> Street (remodel);
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-13, granting application for URTED to Dianne K Shottenkirk, 5031 Avenue O (remodel);
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-14, granting application for URTED to Brent G/Elizabeth B Woodbury, 1032 Denmark Hilltop (addition);
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-15, granting application for URTED to L & L Storage, Inc., 1131 – 48<sup>th</sup> Street (new construction);
- ♦ Set public hearing for March 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 12, B-1 Limited Retail, by adding a new Section 10, “Sidewalk Dining”;
- ♦ January Financial Report; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING AMEND WATER RATES:** Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Section 66 and 68 of the City Code by adopting new Water Basic Monthly Service Charges and Monthly Rates and amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Section 69, Annual Adjustment of Base Charges.

Erica Diehl, HR Green, said HR Green was asked by the City to perform a Water Rate Study. This study reviewed the past several years' expenses and revenues, projected revenues and expenses for the next five years and also estimated costs for water capital projects. Based on these projections and revenue needed to cover expenses, it is recommended to raise water rates and use charges by 2% per year for the next five years. This 2% yearly increase is currently built into the City Code. In addition, HR Green recommended to renew the wholesale customer agreement with Rathbun Regional Water Association and to raise wholesale rates also. Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said they are working with an attorney to make sure Rathbun receives proper notification of the increase. The last recommendation in the study was to change Iowa State Penitentiary's charges at the end the agreement with them.

It costs the City \$1.83 per 1,000 gallon of gallons of water currently. It is recommended to charge rural water customers \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons with 2% annual increases. Rathbun currently uses about two million gallons per day. They uses more from Fort Madison then Keokuk (\$2.05 per thousand) or Mount Pleasant (\$2.15 per thousand). Rathbun must agree to the rate change.

Driscoll recommended to delay moving forward with the ordinance until Rathbun has had more time to review the changes.

Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to table the motion.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16, ORDER CONSTRUCTION PIP 2016-02, SILGAN SEWER EXTENSION:** Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adopt a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2016-03, Silgan Sewer Extension.

Driscoll estimated this project would cost \$250,000 and the engineer's estimate is \$450,000. The water table is very high there and is contributing to the cost increase. He recommended moving forward with the bidding process to see what the actual bids would be.

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

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2016.

**OTHER**

**APPROVE 2016-17 BUDGET, SET P.H.:** Seidel MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget and setting Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. as date and time for hearing.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**APPROVE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT:** Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on a Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for asbestos inspection and assistance with bidding and abatement services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were none.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

The Police Department has been monitoring the parking situation at Lincoln School on Avenue E. Interim Chief Gustafson said most parents understand this is being done for the safety of children but there are those who don't. Fire Department hosted a crash scene management class that is federally mandated for fire and police departments. The Library Board will meet this week and look at their strategic plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet and look at a sidewalk dining ordinance. HR Green will be at the March 15 Council meeting to talk about the Old Highway 61 project.

**PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Historic Iowa State Penitentiary had a conference call to discuss progress being made. They plan to ask a company that specializes in big projects like this to come down to look at the project. Historic Preservation Commission met last week, finalized the street sign order and is working on plans for a celebration of the Park to Park Historic District.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:30 P.M., Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

**MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS:** See Manual Claims dated January 29, 2016, in the amount of \$380,460.12; Claims dated February 12, 2016, in the amount of \$951,708.60 and Library Claims dated January 20, 2016, in the amount of \$4,736.18.

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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph  
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk