

MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 2008 7:00 P.M.

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Steven J. Ireland presided with Council Members Fraise, Greenwald, Rink, Randolph, Chesnut, Boeding and Lair present.

There were no visitors or appearance requests.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Fraise MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of December 2, 2008, as written;
- Renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License to La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, effective January 1, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License to Alpha's on the Riverfront, Inc., dba the Original Alpha's, 709 Avenue H, effective February 1, 2009;
- Mayor's reappointment of Merlin Hellman to the Fort Madison SIRRC Commission, term expiring December 1, 2011;
- Mayor's appointment of Chuck Block, 216 Crescent Lane, to the Old Fort Commission, term expiring March 21, 2011;
- Mayor's appointment of Sharon Groene, 2126 Avenue E, to the Library Commission, filling the unexpired term of Beth Mohrfeld, term expiring July 1, 2012; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2nd READING, AMENDING 9-10-1, STOP YIELD: Greenwald MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending 9-10-1 of the City Code entitled "Stop, Yield Intersections", so as to provide for the installation of a stop sign at 6th Street and Avenue G for eastbound traffic.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

1st READING, AMENDING 10-12-4(A) and 10-13-2, CAR WASHES AS SPECIAL USES IN B-1 & B-2 DISTRICTS. Chesnut MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance amending 10-12-4(A) and 10-13-2 so as to allow car washes as Special Uses in B-1 and B-2 districts.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-67, APPLYING FOR TE FUNDS: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of an Application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning for Regional Transportation TE Funds for construction of Rodeo Park Trail Way Improvements, Phase II.

John Luna indicated this grant would finish the Rodeo Trail from the Old Lions shelter to the Saddle Club arena.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-68, VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF 5914 AVE. O: Chesnut MOVED and Fraise SECONDED to approve a resolution accepting the voluntary annexation application of property owned by Lodi Investments, Inc., for property commonly known as 5914 Avenue O.

The property owner has requested City water service and, as one of the conditions set forth by the Council, they must voluntarily annex into the City.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-69, SUBMISSION OF 5-YEAR AIRPORT PLAN TO FAA: Fraise MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve a resolution authorizing submittal of a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program to the FAA for the Municipal Airport for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014.

Larry Dinwiddie noted this is required by the FAA and the Airport Commission will still need to come before the City Council to request funds for these projects.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70, SET PUBLIC HEARING ON CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY: Greenwald MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve a resolution setting public hearing on conveying City property in the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 67 North, Range 5 West of the 5th Principal Meridian in Lee County to Southeastern Community College for a fire training facility.

Dinwiddie pointed out this is part of the process to set up the Fire Training Center.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-71, SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR STP FUNDS: Fraise MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve a resolution supporting an application for STP funds for a controlled access interchange at the new Highway 61 by-pass and County Highway J-40.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-72, ORDERING CONSTRUCTION, SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND BID LETTING FOR PIP 2008-7, PUMPS AT WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project, 2008-7, High Service Pumps at the Water Treatment Plant.

The installation of these pumps and equipment is needed to increase the water pressure to Independent Can Company.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

OTHER

FORT MADISON ART ASSOCIATION REQUEST TO CANCEL LEASE AGREEMENT: Rink MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the request by the Fort Madison Art Association to cancel the Lease Agreement with the City for the old Burlington Northern building located at 615 ½ - 7th Street.

Brian Riggs, Art Center Director, noted the building is a tremendous building with great character but that the Art Center Board of Directors wanted to move the Center to Avenue G.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

FIRE FIGHTER ELIGIBILITY LIST: Chesnut MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve a Fire Fighter Eligibility List as recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

HIRE FIRE FIGHTER: Rink MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve hiring a Fire Fighter due to a resignation.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

POLICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY LIST: Chesnut MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve a Police Officer Eligibility List as recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

APPROVE REALTOR'S BID: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to accept the proposal from Fraise Real Estate to market the Rashid Library building.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES
1 ABSTAIN (Fraise)

APPROVE HIRING ASSISTANT WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT: Chesnut MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve hiring an Assistant Superintendent at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Rick Kuhljuergen noted this was budgeted for 2008-09 to replace an employee who is retiring. The position requires a Grade 4 operator but Grade 3s will be allowed with the stipulation they are able to obtain their Grade 4 license within a certain period of time. No current wastewater employees are Grade 3.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSING A STREET CROSSING ON 19TH STREET BETWEEN AVENUES N AND O:

Steve Hayes reported the Iowa Department of Transportation and Burlington Northern Santa Fe are interested in closing this crossing. There are also crossings at 18th and 20th Streets. As there is no gate at this crossing this is both a safety issue and a cost-saving measure by IDOT. None of the approximately 25 homes and several businesses/warehouses that would be affected are aware of the potential closing. Following further discussion, Council stated they would be willing to consider the DOT's request contingent upon input by the persons affected. Hayes was to inform the DOT and BNSF regarding Council's concerns.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Fraise noted Historic Preservation is making good progress on the historic survey.

Randolph reported the GRWWA has discontinued the director's position and is considering using a temporary consultant. Randolph has been elected as the new Chairman beginning January 1.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:42 P.M. Greenwald MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated December 11, 2008, in the amount of \$239,218.58.

PAYROLL – DECEMBER 5, 2008

General	139,253.07
RSVP	1,255.41
Old Fort	1,212.73
Road Use	21,082.57

Water	37,069.70
Sewer	32,537.70
Solid Waste	14,390.22
Storm Water	<u>3,137.39</u>
	249,938.79

Steven J. Ireland, Mayor
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Suellen M. Mead, City Clerk