

MINUTES OF THE
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa
April 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa. Mayor Steven J. Ireland presided with Council Members Fraise, Rink, Randolph, Chesnut, Boeding and Lair present. Council Member Greenwald was absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Nancy Snaadt representing Alliant Energy, was present for a semi-annual update on what the company is doing. The office at 3621 Avenue L has 14 employees there. Alliant has been performing tree trimming and supports Fort Madison through corporate contributions. They are active in economic development in Fort Madison and Lee County and promote energy efficient programs.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of March 17, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License to the LULAC Council, 1424 – 36th Stret, effective April 18, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “A” Liquor License to Loyal Order of Moose, 624 Avenue G, effective May 1, 2009;
- New Five-Day Class “B” Beer Permit to Simply the Blues, 2103 – 303rd Avenue, effective May 6, 2009;
- New Five-Day Class “B” Beer Permit to Redneck Rodeo, 2103 – 303rd Avenue, effective April 25, 2009;
- Mayor’s reappointments of Nick Colbert and Lyle Brown, to the Planning & Zoning Commission, terms expiring March 18, 2014;
- Mayor’s reappointments of Vernell St. Clair and Allen Chapman to the Band Commission, terms expiring April 1, 2012;
- Mayor’s reappointments of Bill Napier and Werner Duttge to the Old Fort Commission, terms expiring March 21, 2012;
- Mayor’s reappointments of Mike Hennigar and Duane Sherwood to the Plumbing Board, terms expiring April 15, 2012; and Mayor’s appointment of Al Schulte, 1729 Avenue E to the Plumbing Board replacing the unexpired term of Jerry Boyer, term expiring April 15, 2010;

- Mayor's reappointment of Dick Canella to the Cattermole Cultural Commission, term expiring September 3, 2011; and Mayor's appointments of Paul Hedgepeth, 2003 Avenue I, and Samantha Fiorella, Fort Madison, to the Cattermole Cultural Commission, terms expiring September 3, 2011; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning the authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the issuance of \$20,000,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes:

Mayor Ireland opened the public hearing at 7:10 P.M. concerning the Authorization of a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and the Issuance of \$20,000,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes. There being no oral or written comments, Boeding MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21, INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS: Chesnut MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve a resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action for the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of \$20,000,000 Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

Concerning Public Improvement Project 2009-3, Riverview Park Rip-Rap Repairs:

Mayor Ireland opened the public hearing at 7:13 P.M. concerning Public Improvement Project 2009-3, Riverview Park Rip-Rap Repairs. There being no oral or written comments, Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22, ADOPTING PLANS: Rink MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the project.

Lair commented on the gap between the bids. It was noted everyone had the same plans to bid on.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-23, AWARDING CONTRACT: Randolph MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve a resolution awarding construction contract for the above project to Meller Excavating of Fort Madison, Iowa, in the amount of \$95,074.77.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-24, APPROVING CONTRACT AND BONDS: Chesnut MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving contract and bonds of Meller Excavating, pending receipt of the documents.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1ST READING, RAISING SEWER RATES: Fraise MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 7, Section 2 (A-B) to allow for a change in the sewer rate effective June 1, 2009.

Rick Kuhljuergen advised the increase was to cover an EPA mandate for the combined sewers. The last increase was two years ago in order to cover the bonds for the 10th Street Rehabilitation project. This sounds like a big increase, but Fort Madison's rates are considerably lower than the average.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT ON THE COMBINED SEWER PILOT DESIGN: Lair MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve Supplemental Agreement #4 with Stanley Consultants on the combined Sewer Disinfection Design.

Jay Brady representing Stanley Consultants, gave hand-outs of the feasibility study for the combined sewer project. There are 8 overflow locations on the riverfront per the map which are color-coded. There was discussion on the various chemical methods used and costs associated with the project. Mr. Brady would like to do some bench studies to define the parameters. He referred to the Consent Decree the City recently signed. It will cost \$4-4.5 million for the disinfection process. We won't have full knowledge of the sizes needed until the pilot study is completed with a proposed \$4.5-7 million dollars over the next several years. We are looking at 8 structures for each location or possibly combining structures into maybe 5. He appreciated Council's concerns over the beautiful riverfront and will do what he can to have the least effect on the park. There are things we can do to minimize the size of the buildings. Randolph indicated he appreciated looking into other options other than the large storage sheds. Mr. Brady noted the 13th Street basin will be studied in depth due to its size and capacity.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Nothing remarkable to report by Councilors.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 P.M., Rink MOVED and Fraise SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL