

**MINUTES
OF THE FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL**

June 16, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa. Presiding was Mayor Steven J. Ireland with Council Members Carrie Fraise, Chris Greenwald, Kevin Rink, Brad Randolph, Bob Chesnut, Neal Boeding and Mark Lair present.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Terry Hein was present in support of the fireworks being held on July 4th. She presented petitions supporting the fireworks on the 4th. They gathered 683 signatures in 7 days – all in keeping the July 4th tradition. Chesnut interjected that if it were Council’s decision, the vote would be 7-0 in favor of July 4th; however, this is not a City function. John Luna headed the fireworks outside of City duties. The independent group who decided to change the date have realized they have made a mistake and it will be changed back next year.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Fraise MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve:

- June 2, 2009, as written;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License to Faeth’s, 832 Avenue G, effective June 30, 2009;
- New Five-Day Class “B” Beer Permit to Balloons Over the Mississippi for 2092 – 303rd Avenue, effective July 17, 2009;
- Mayor’s reappointments of Lillian Daniel and Mary Hitchcock to the Housing Authority, terms expiring June 3, 2011;
- Partial List of Cigarette Permits effective July 1, 2009; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2ND READING, RAISING GARBAGE FEES: Chesnut MOVED and Fraise SECONDED to approve the 2nd reading of an ordinance amending 6-3-15(B) so as to allow for a rate increase in garbage fees from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per month effective July 15, 2009.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

OTHER

TURN-AROUND PROJECT: Chesnut MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Part B of an application to the FAA for the Turn-Around Extension project at the airport.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

28E AGREEMENT FOR CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH: Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a 28E Agreement for Emergency Communication Services and Consolidated PSAP.

Chief Niggemeyer referred to the proposed 28E document before Council which is a result of all the meetings held on consolidated dispatch. At first, he was very skeptical and asked many questions; many of those questions were answered, some are still unanswered. He would like his current employees to have a chance to be at the new center and will be sure his voice is heard on this subject. Initially, the cost was not looking good, but since then the cost has been divided among several entities and a savings has been realized. The unexpected was also figured in as this is such a big project. Additionally, the current area at the police station would have to be modified to secure the area and for citizens to receive help upon arriving at the building. Several questions still need to be answered but he will stay on top of it.

Greenwald began by asking if the County had approved the agreement. They have. West Point has tabled their decision. If not everyone is on board, it will change the numbers – he would like an out if Fort Madison approves it. Also, with the Chief's concerns, now is the time to make our changes to the agreement. City Manager Smith advised if we make any changes the agreement would have to be approved by everyone again with those changes.

Chesnut added he would not even recommend approval unless officers' safety was improved and there is a cost savings. The County will come out ahead on this agreement. It will be safer for dispatchers in the secluded area. Chesnut further commended everyone's hard work on this venture. The priority here is the safety of officers and to have a professional dispatch. Mr. Smith was confident the questions could be worked through.

Randolph stated he was afraid of the true costs when they come about. They could be different than what we have and we should at least break even to benefit us. The long-time dispatchers here will have to start over. An unfortunate change has to come about at the cost of employees. He questioned if benefits could be carried on for long-time people and start the new people at the beginning. This would not be possible as Lee County will be the logical entity creating payroll checks and would be a bookkeeping nightmare.

Greenwald continued that we are at least 2 years out in determining details. After 5 years he would like to have the option of pulling out of the agreement. Chief Niggemeyer corrected him

in that it was 5 years after the 2 year set-up or 7 years. Greenwald was not comfortable with approving the agreement for 7 years.

Ms. Fraise commented that we are going into this agreement with a high level of service and safety which is more than what we're getting now. Chesnut added that dozens of counties in Iowa have consolidated dispatch with great success.

The Mayor inquired if different scenarios has been discussed at these meetings. Chief Niggemeyer indicated they had talked about unanticipated stumbling blocks which he will continue to closely monitor. Mayor Ireland indicated 28E Agreements can always be amended. Chesnut agreed but also felt it needed to be politician-proof.

Greenwald continued to express concern on a 5-year agreement, not 7 years. He did not want to go into an agreement without leverage of having 3 years to pull out after a 2-year start-up.

Chesnut wanted Fort Madison to commit because of several entities involved investing money and didn't really want anyone pulling out of the agreement.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CAPTAIN KIRK'S OUTDOOR SERVICE EXTENSION: Chesnut MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve an extension of Captain Kirk's Outdoor Service Permit for Margaritaville on the Mississippi effective June 27, 2009.

Rink questioned the extended footage. This is the same request as in prior years and is a requirement of Alcoholic Beverages.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

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Rink said the recent ESPN bass tournament went well but there are improvements to be made; Mayor Ireland indicated the 12 finalists were very happy with Fort Madison; Mr. Smith reported the bids on the new water plant came in nearly 4 million dollars under estimate which is very encouraging; Randolph asked if the City could look at taking responsibility back for the fireworks; Lair commented on the Historical Society working on the 2-story depot which is tentatively open and looks the best it has in a long time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 P.M., Randolph MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL