

MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, September 1, 2009 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa. Presiding was Mayor Steven J. Ireland with Council Members Carrie Fraise, Chris Greenwald, Kevin Rink, Bob Chesnut, Neal Boeding and Mark Lair present. Absent was Councilor Brad Randolph.

A plaque was presented to Council by Director Mindy Kraus of the Main Street Program in recognition of their support.

Sarah Clendineng, Library Director, was present for the annual library report. A 17% increase has been realized from last year. She was very excited about the numbers. The numbers would previously have been high because it was a new facility and people would be curious; however, the numbers have continued to hold and grow.

**VISITORS**

Linda Nash, 1716 Avenue A, appeared on behalf of the neighbors concerning a property located at 112 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street. She thanked the City for what they have done so far, but there remains two disturbing issues: 1) the garage is a fire hazard; and 2) the mouse infestation.

Kim Albers, 108 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, felt the front of the garage area needed trimmed and there was still a lot of “stuff” in the back yard that still didn’t look good. The smell is so horrendous she can’t sit outside on nice evenings. There are several animals in the house that she believed was a cruelty issue.

Mayor Ireland stated these comments would be taken under advisement.

**AGENDA**

With it duly noted that Item #10 was being removed from the agenda, Greenwald MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Boeding MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of August 18, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit to Garner’s, 2236 Avenue L, effective September 13, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License to Vinnie’s Santa Fe Avenue Tap, 2601 Avenue L, effective September 16, 2009;

- Mayor's appointment of Chris Greenwald to the PSAP Control Board; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES  
 1 ABSTAIN  
 (Greenwald)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE C-485, PARKING REGULATIONS:** Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of an ordinance amending City Code Sections 9-7-9 (Ten Minute Parking); 9-7-18 (Handicap Parking); and 9-7-20 (Reserved Parking Spaces).

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING, REZONING PROPERTY AT 1510 – 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET:** Lair MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at 1510 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street from I-1, Limited Industrial, to I-2, General Industrial.

Lair questioned if everything had been worked out on this issue. City Manager Smith advised they were still working on getting the weeks cut on the lots. Chesnut added this was an unfortunate situation wherein the lots were cleaned and then left behind. We can only monitor the situation and file the appropriate charges against them. Greenwald concurred. Rink asked if the Board of Adjustment had put any conditions on the Special Use. Doug Krogmeier responded that he had postponed the Board of Adjustment until Planning and Zoning had an opportunity to meet.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-66, ORDERING CONSTRUCTION, PIP 2009-9, WATER PLANT TRANSMISSION LINE:** Rink MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2009-9, Water Plant, New Transmission Line.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-65, 2008-09 STREET FINANCE REPORT:** Chesnut MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the 2008-09 Street Finance Report and direct that the report be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-67, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION:** Chesnut MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve a resolution in support of an application for State of Iowa Safe Routes to School Funds.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**OTHER**

**Presentation by Southeast Iowa Regional Planning on the result of the Housing Needs**

**Assessment Report:** Tracy Balbort, Director of Housing with Regional Planning, passed out to Council the Housing Needs Assessment report. She commended City Manager Smith on his forward thinking and getting the City moving forward. There were no questions from anyone regarding the report.

**AIRPORT COMMISSION QUESTION ON BALLOT:** Chesnut MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the following question be put on the ballot and submitted to voters for the November 3, 2009, election:

“Shall the City of Fort Madison continue the management and control of its airport in an Airport Commission?”

Lair, as liaison to the Airport Commission, felt the citizens should have a voice in this decision.

John Richers, 1132 Avenue F, spoke that he was on the Airport Commission for 14 years. He saw what was coming in this last episode and the Mayor and Council knew what was going on and did nothing about it. He felt there needs to be a Commission with someone who knows aviation laws and is aviation-minded. He reviewed the accomplishments of the airport while he was there. He further felt someone needs to be on the Commission who will cooperate with everyone. He did mention that in his 14 years there was only one airport meeting when someone from the City Council attended..

Bill Faeth, 2609 Avenue D, stated he was an ex-pilot who worked with Mr. Richers at that same time. He stopped by the airport today and the building and maintenance of the facility looked real good. He believed we should keep the Airport Commission as is. The City Council has better things to do than oversee the airport. The facility also needs someone interested in keeping operating costs down.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**HIRING WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR:** Chesnut MOVED and Lair SECONDED to authorize the Wastewater Department to hire a Plant Operator due to a recent retirement.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

**PRESENTATION BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Ireland commented the City received \$1.1 million in IJOBS initiatives that will go toward the depot project. He will be meeting with engineers in coming weeks.

There was nothing remarkable to report by Councilors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:25 P.M., Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL