

MINUTES
OF THE FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, September 15, 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 Carrie Fraise, Chris Greenwald, Kevin Rink, Brad Randolph, Bob Chesnut, Neal Boeding and Mark Lair present.

AGENDA

With the deletion of Item #5 and the addition of two liquor license renewals, Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Fraise MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of September 1, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit to Casey’s, 1208 Avenue H, effective October 29, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License to The Palm’s Supper Club, 4920 Avenue O, effective October 7, 2009;
- Renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit to Beck Oil, 1531 Avenue H, effective October 5, 2009, and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Ireland opened the public hearing at 7:05 P.M. concerning *The State Environmental Information Document (EID) for the New Water Plant Transmission Line Project.*

Susan Coffey from Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, Burlington, Iowa, was present. She explained she had been before Council earlier but due to the water line being moved, another public hearing was needed. The purpose of this project is to make improvements to the water supply system in order to enhance the reliability, increase capacity, protect against the 100-year flood, and improve security to better safely and reliably operate the City of Fort Madison’s water supply system for at least the next 20 years.

Previous environmental assessments have been completed on the construction of a new water treatment plant, well field and discharge line resulting in Findings of No Significant Impact. A previous environmental assessment on an alternate transmission main route was completed;

however, that route is no longer the preferred option. The revised route option is the currently proposed project assessed in this document. In order to provide water to the City of Fort Madison from their new water treatment plant, the proposed project involves constructing approximately 5 miles of new transmission line. The transmission line will start at the new water treatment plant and run north along the west side of U.S. Highway 61, crossing Devil's Creek, crossing U.S. Highway 61 at 255th Avenue, running on the east side of U.S. Highway 61, and running east along the south side of the railroad tracks through agricultural fields, then running north on the east side of 263rd Street until it meets with U.S. Highway 61. Although final design has not occurred, it is anticipated that 24" diameter pipe will be buried to a depth of 5 feet. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the project is located along Highway 61 in Sections 10, 11, and 15, Township 67 North, and Range 5 West in Lee County, Iowa.

A summary of reasons for concluding no significant impact are:

- A Phase I archaeological investigation of the proposed project area has been completed and submitted to the State Historical Office (SHPO). SHPO has concurred with the determination that the project will not have an affect on historical projects.
- The project will not significantly affect the pattern and type of land use (industrial, commercial, agricultural, recreational, and residential) or growth and distribution of population.
- The project will not conflict with local, regional or State land use plans or policies.
- The project will not impact wetlands as long as where the wetlands are located are directionally bored.
- The project will not affect threatened and endangered species or their habitats. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation & Recreation, have a provision that trees must be cleared between September 16th and April 14th in order to avoid impact to the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*).
- The project will not displace population; alter the character of existing residential areas, or impact farmlands.
- While the Iowa DNR Water Resources Section has not yet commented on this project, this project is not anticipated to impact the 100-year flood plain due to the below-grade nature of the project.
- The project will not have an affect on parklands, preserves, other public lands or areas of recognized scenic or recreational value.
- The project will not have adverse impacts to surface water quality or quantity, groundwater quality or quantity, water supply, fish, shellfish, wildlife, and natural habitats.

There being for further written or oral comments, Randolph MOVED and Rink SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

3RD READING, ORDINANCE NO. C-486, REZONING 1510 – 18TH STREET: Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the 3rd reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at 1510 – 18th Street from I-1, Limited Industrial, to I-2, General Industrial.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

OTHER

APPROVE POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE: Greenwald MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve the bid of Jim Baier Ford in the amount of \$22,482.68 for a 2010 Crown Victoria vehicle in the Police Department.

Chesnut questioned if the trade-in vehicle could possibly be used for a courtesy car at the airport. Chief Niggemeyer stated he was disappointed in the amount received as a trade-in, but did not feel this particular vehicle was a good candidate for that. It has numerous problems.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK PURCHASE: Chesnut MOVED and Boeding SECONDED to approve the bid of Truck Country of Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$86,061 for a new dump truck and sander unit in the Public Works Department.

Lair inquired about the \$1,000 difference. Steve Hayes answered it was a different brand and didn't affect the bid. Greenwald said this bid had been re-done from the last meeting when it was pulled from the agenda, and asked how that came about. Hayes said the bed, plow and sander were to the dollar. After revisiting the bid options, he decided to go with the company that bid the equipment as standard and not optional. The difference is between a Henderson unit and Knapheide unit. Greenwald asked if this had to be re-bid because of that. Hayes answered it did not as he used the same bids.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Greenwald advised the Central Dispatch Committee will be meeting on September 22nd. Randolph reported that the Waste Authority is purchasing new scales because of State regulations and the present scales won't stay calibrated.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 P.M., Rink MOVED and Fraise SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL