

MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 2, 2010 7:00 P.M.

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 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 Councilors Tim Waggoner, Chris Greenwald, Kevin Rink, Brad Randolph, Bob Chesnut, Jason Huppert and Mark Lair present.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Todd Schneider, 3148 – 200th Street, Fort Madison, spoke regarding the Main Street tax. He is part of a group who is not against the Main Street program, but how the program is being funded. Raising taxes in Fort Madison is not a good thing and is a wrong move. This town needs investors. He has gotten 25% of property owners in the SSMID district to sign a petition asking for an alternative tax. There were a few options he would like to bring up: 1) Pull hotel./motel taxes from the current tax stream; 2) Make this a voluntary, free-will program; 3) Has anyone asked the local banks if they would fund the program as an advertising ploy? The group firmly believes this is the wrong direction to go no matter how small the tax is. In conclusion, he read a letter from Lori and Mark Greiner who own the American Hair Academy on Avenue G in opposition of the tax.

Doug Abolt, Donnellson, confirmed he and Mr. Schneider were working together. They have been chastised for not knowing about the program that apparently has been worked on for the last 18 months. He requested another funding source. He was not here to kill the Main Street program. The group has gained more support than could be imagined in the last 2 weeks. He was nervous about this issue and did not want to be perceived as the person who killed Main Street. It is not a voluntary tax; if you don't pay your taxes, they will take your property. Find another source for citizens. It is our city, not one group's city, we have to do the right thing.

Nora Dukowitz, Executive Director of Fort Madison Partners, 614 – 9th Street, still supported and believed in the Main Street tax. It is the best way to fund the program.

AGENDA

With the deletion of Agenda Item #7 to be put on as a closed session on the March 4 meeting, Rink MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Waggoner MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of February 16, 2010;
- Renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License to the Latin American Club (LULAC), 1424 – 36th Street, effective April 18, 2010;

- Setting public hearing for Monday, March 15, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. for report a on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the City received from the Iowa Department of Economic Development for the installation of a water main to connect the new water treatment plant to the City;
- Mayor’s appointment of Heather Wilkins, 834 Avenue F, to the Band Commission, filling the unexpired term of Sherri Enke, term expiring April 1, 2011; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning rezoning part of the East Half of Section 1, Township 67 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M. from R-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-6, Multiple Family Dwelling District “The Bluffs Subdivision”:

Mayor Ireland opened the public hearing at 7:14 P.M., concerning rezoning part of the East Half of Section 1, Township 67 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., from R-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-6, Multiple Family dwelling District “The Bluffs Subdivision”.

Richard Fehseke, 1023 Avenue G, is the attorney representing the hospital. This particular development is northwest of 48th Street. The hospital owns 75 acres in that area which will be sub-divided, one of which will be a multi-family district. Construction is to commence at the beginning of April. Randolph asked who the owner of that complex will be. Mr. Fehseke advised it would be Brinshore Development who is from the Chicago area. The hospital will be selling the property to Brinshore for development.

There being no further oral or written comments, Waggoner MOVED and Rink SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

1ST READING, ORDINANCE REZONING THE BLUFFS: Lair MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance rezoning part of the East Half of Section 1, Township 67 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., from R-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-6, Multiple family Dwelling District.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-24, FINAL PLAT FOR THE BLUFFS: Chesnut MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve a resolution accepting and approving final plat for “The Bluffs Subdivision”.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-25, ENTERPRISE ZONE #9: Chesnut MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to approve a resolution creating and designating an area of the City as Enterprise Zone #9, and declaring said area as blighted.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-26, PIP 2010-2, MARINA SEALCOAT: Greenwald MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve a resolution awarding construction contract for Public Improvement Project 2010-02, Riverview Marina Parking Lot Sealcoat Project, to Municipal Street Improvements of Wyoming, Iowa, in the amount of \$71,052.44.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-27, CONTRACT AND BONDS: Randolph MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving contract and bonds of Municipal Street Improvements, pending receipt of the documents.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

OTHER

REPAIR WASTEWATER PLANT MOTOR: Rink MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve an Estimate of Repair by Hupp Electric Motors of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the amount of \$9,839.55 to repair a motor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-28, PRE-DISASTER PLAN: Waggoner MOVED and Huppert SECONDED to approve a resolution re-adopting the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Smith advised this is a requirement by FEMA that the plan be updated every 5 years. There are no major changes.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Nothing remarkable to report other than the CVB has secured a bass tournament in conjunction with a free outdoor movie this summer.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Joey Herren met with the prison on fire hydrants; the fire training center should commence work once the weather breaks; Larry Dinwiddie said the 3 forms of payment at the Water Department

are going very well; he will have a report at the end of June; the water main is now 95% complete and the water plant 53% complete; Rick Kuhjuergen reported the CSO project is running about a week behind schedule, there is some concern with the river; John Luna advised there have been a total of 1,230 recycling bins sold, calls are received every day on the program; Steve Hayes said the new dump truck has been delivered; there are containers at both the street barn and GRRWA for recycling glass which is no longer picked up with recycling materials; Byron Smith noted a development agreement with Brinshore Development will be coming before Council at the first meeting in April.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 P.M., Chesnut MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to adjourn until Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Library Claims dated February 18, 2010, in the amount of \$6,386.79; and Claims dated February 25, 2010, in the amount of \$885,541.96.

PAYROLL – February 26, 2010

General	143,017.77
RSVP	1,295.48
Old Fort	1,595.48
Insurance	22.00
Road Use	30,555.78
Water	37,526.52
Sewer	32,227.19
Solid Waste	13,269.07
Storm Water	<u>3,436.84</u>
	262,946.13

Steven J. Ireland, Mayor
City of Fort Madison, Iowa

ATTEST:

Suellen M. Mead, City Clerk