

MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 6, 2010 7:00 P.M.

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 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 Councilmen Tim Waggoner, Kevin Rink, Brad Randolph, Bob Chesnut, Jason Huppert and Mark Lair present. Councilman Chris Greenwald was absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Nancy Snaadt, 2794 River Hills Road, and representative of Alliant Energy, reported on the corporate contributions of Alliant including, but not limited to employment, grants, infrastructure investments, participation in economic development in Fort Madison, dues and professional scholarships, assisting in marketing industrial sites, supporting SEIRPC, payment of property taxes, promoting energy efficiency programs through rebates, and tree programs. She acknowledged the Daily Democrat for their part in recognizing the energy efficiency programs. Mayor Ireland thanked her on behalf of Alliant. Whenever there has been a potential prospect, they have always shown up at the table with information and incentives to help lure these places to Fort Madison.

PRESENTATION

Susan Dunek, facilitator for the Fort Madison School Board, was present on behalf of the Board with Board Members Judy Gerdes, Denise Gray, and Rob Hogan in attendance. She was seeking information to guide future planning.

Council was divided into two groups and the department heads another group. She posed the question of: "Based on the City of Fort Madison's goals, what should the Fort Madison Community Schools do to best position our students for success?" After a short discussion period, the three groups provided several excellent suggestions for the School Board.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Randolph MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of March 15, 2010, as written;
- Renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License to Horan's Cabaret, 1337 Avenue G, effective May 7, 2010;

- Renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit to Walgreen’s, 2639 Avenue L, effective May 21, 2010;
- Partial Refund of a Class “C” Liquor License to Lee’s Dining & Catering, 5001 Avenue O; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

OTHER

MARINA LEASE AGREEMENT: Chesnut MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve an Amended Lease Agreement between the City and Captain Kirk’s Marina.

Waggoner commented about signing a “long” 6-year lease. Can we make these leases shorter? Mr. Smith acknowledged that this was the remainder of a 10-year lease, thus a continuation.

Huppert commented that he has been told by boaters that there are no marina supplies available to them. Kirk Butler answered that he does carry supplies such that would keep them on the river. Randolph confirmed that slip renters have access to normal supplies? They do. John Luna also added supplies are carried per the Coast Guard and the DNR.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PAVILION SHEET ROCK REPAIR: Waggoner MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve the bid of Schroeder Brothers of Fort Madison in the amount of \$2,232 to repair sheet rock at the pavilion at Riverview Park.

Lair questioned using the displaced worker program. John Luna answered that in certain cases there is some work they cannot perform, we have to be careful in this area.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PAVILION REPAIRS: Lair MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the bid of Schroeder Brothers of Fort Madison in the amount of \$9,018 to repair ceramic tile and wall board at the pavilion in Riverview Park.

Rink asked if funding had already been received for these repairs. Funding has been received from FEMA. There are no performance bonds required on these small projects. It was asked if there is again potential flooding. John Luna said not at this time but the City was required to raise its flood insurance premium. It was also explained the pavilion was not actually damaged by the flood itself, but by the sewer backing up. A check valve has now been installed to keep this from happening again.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PAVILION PAINTING: Chesnut MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to approve the bid of Janice's Interior Design of Fort Madison in the amount of \$3,000 to paint the interior of the pavilion at Riverview Park.

Lair thought a grant had been received for paint. John Luna advised the grant received was for paint on the outside of the pavilion.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

HR GREEN ADDENDUM: Randolph MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve an addendum to an Engineering Services Agreement with Howard R. Green in connection with a transmission main from 263rd Street to 21st Street.

Rink questioned permanent and temporary easements. Larry Dinwiddie explained the easement process and how it will all come together. Notice letters have been sent out to all the property owners affected of the soil borings every 400 feet and surveying for the water main. The easements will then follow. When additional funding becomes available, they can then begin the project.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

WATER CONTRACT TO CORRECTIONAL CENTER: Chesnut MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve a Water Purchase Contract between the City and County to provide water for the Lee County Correctional Center, contingent upon the Lee County Board of Supervisor's approval.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNION CONTRACT: Rink MOVED and Chesnut SECONDED to approve the Fire Department Union Contract, effective July 1, 2010.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the Council Report for this and the following agenda item was a little late in getting out. He felt these were both good contracts.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

POLICE DEPARTMENT UNION CONTRACT: Waggoner MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the Police Department Union Contract, effective July 1, 2010.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Waggoner reported on the Old Fort and how Dr. Watkins is an asset to the City; Rink gave a detailed report on CVB activities; Randolph stated the Waste Authority is working on Phase II of Cell II; Lair said the airport is looking good and the new member is working out very well.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Joey Herren said the fire training center is working on change orders for the gas lines, activity should be coming; Bill Kester gave a reminder that due to warmer weather there is more foot and bicycle traffic and to be cautious; Larry Dinwiddie reported the water plant is 55% complete, he is still looking at a July-August completion date; John Luna said the Parks and YMCA will be giving lifeguard classes on May 22-23; Chesnut asked Steve Hayes about the salt budget, Hayes answered we were a little in the negative but not bad; Sara Clendineng advised she was able to hire a senior intern through the Generations Program.

At 8:08 P.M., a short break was taken prior to going into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:14 P.M, Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to go into closed session under Section 21.5(j) of the Code of Iowa.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES
1 NAY (Randolph)

With no action taken, at 8:38 P.M. Randolph MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to come out of closed session.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 P.M., Rink MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL