

MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 1, 2010 7:00 P.M.

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at 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

None.

AGENDA

Randolph MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of May 18, 2010;
- Renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License to Faeth's, 832 Avenue G, effective June 30, 2010;
- Setting public hearing for June 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. for rezoning property south of 1125 – 48th Street, from r-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-4, One-Family Dwelling District;
- Setting public hearing for June 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. for amending 10-12 of the Zoning Code concerning dwellings in the B-1 zoning classifications, and the area included in the B-1, Limited Retail District;
- Mayor's appointment of Linda Lair, 5836 Avenue O, to the Old Fort Commission, filling the unexpired term of Werner Duttge, term expiring March 21, 2012;
- Partial List of Cigarette Permit Renewals effective July 1, 2010; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6 AYES
1 ABSTAIN (Lair)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. C-490, AMENDING PLUMBING CODE: Lair MOVED and Randolph SECONDED to approve the 3rd reading of an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Sections 4 and 5 of the City Code concerning Plumbing License, and adding PEX piping certification requirements.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-41, NON-BARGAINING RESOLUTION: Waggoner MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve proposed changes to the Non-Bargaining Resolution effective July 1, 2010.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

OTHER

APPROVE WATER AND LIBRARY UNION CONTRACTS: Chesnut MOVED and Waggoner SECONDED to approve the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on new union contracts with the Water Department and Library Department effective July 1, 2010.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

CEMETERY SOFTWARE: Chesnut MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the purchase of a cemetery software program and mapping.

MOTION PASSED 7 AYES

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PROPOSAL FOR LONG-TERM PUBLIC WORKS REORGANIZATION: Mr. Smith presented long-term thoughts on Public Works. He would like to streamline the number of current department heads. Due to a recent retirement in the Cemetery Department, he thought it would be a good time to shift maintenance to Public Works. He wanted to point out that an Assistant to the City Manager is different than an Assistant City Manager. His assistant would head more special projects, be a public information officer, do in-depth research, among other duties. John Luna would still be responsible for the pool, marina, and Fort. This action would also insure long-term sharing of equipment and resources between departments.

Randolph asked if this chart was modeled after another municipality. It is not but there are some similar. What is the savings in personnel? There are three department heads now and this would turn into one position. The other positions under Public Works are already there, no new ones would be created. Randolph continued that he wanted to maintain service so would be interested in seeing the numbers as it pertains to savings.

Chesnut said we could put the dollars in to see possible savings. Council has always been looking at ways to consolidate and save money yet provide services. He understood the Assistant to City Manager position but would hope it was not creating another position. Council was accused of creating a position for John Luna before and this smacks of that now. Mr. Smith felt John Luna could use his talents more fully than what he's doing now.

Greenwald summarized that we would be turning three jobs into one and the second row of the chart is operational people.

Chesnut said he would like to see numbers next to the boxes. The Mayor commended Mr. Smith for looking at consolidation, Council has been talking about it for a long time.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Smith reported PSAP has offered the supervisor position to Dave Murray; Randolph said the trip to Washington, D.C. was good and Fort Madison was well represented; Chesnut stated Planning & Zoning met for a change of zoning issue behind Dollar General; and Rink reported on the CVB meeting.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Larry Dinwiddie advised a tentative start-up date of July 1st has been set for the new water plant. John Luna said the pool opening this weekend was fantastic, there was a big turn-out for the memorial service. Steve Hayes reported the visit from Dean Schade, the City's work comp carrier, went extremely well; the 48th & 61 project as well as the Avenue F parking lot project have started. There was brief discussion on the 24th Street cave-in. Mr. Smith reported on the 1335 Avenue E property. Fifteen dump trucks of junk was taken to the landfill. The attic and basement are likewise piled full and will require more trips. He has toured the building with the building department and found it to be very solid. He will get back to Council later with a plan for it.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 P.M., Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL