

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present.

MEDAL OF VALOR: Mayor Randolph and Acting Police Chief Todd Shields awarded Fort Madison Police Officers David Doyle and Benjamin “Cory” Brown and Lee County Sheriff’s Deputy Steven Sproul with the Medal of Valor for Meritorious Service for their actions in response to a robbery at Fort Madison Bank and Trust, River Hills Branch, on June 29, 2016.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS – There were none.

AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of October 4, 2016;
- ♦ New Liquor License: Shopko, 4810 Avenue O, effective October 19, 2016 – Class C Beer with Sunday Sales;
- ♦ New Cigarette Permit: Something to Do Downtown, 718 Avenue G, effective October 19, 2016;
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-77, URTED for Michael A/Betty C Carle, 24 – 29th Place, one car garage, storage room, mudroom, bedroom;
- ♦ Resolution No. 2016-78, URTED for Lisa Languell O’Dell, 3113 Avenue H, 20’ x 24’ garage;
- ♦ Set public hearing for November 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 11, Subdivisions;
- ♦ September Financial Report; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. D-034, AMEND 10-18-4(C)(1): Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 18, Section 4, Permitted Signs; Business and Industrial Districts, Subsection C, Offsite Advertising Signs, Paragraph 1, to allow "One off site advertising sign permitted per lot".

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2016.

2nd READING, ADOPT CODE OF ORDINANCES: Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance adopting the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, 2016 aka "City Code".

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2016.

OTHER

CONTROL PANEL: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the purchase of a new control panel for the Denmark Booster Station from Quality Flow of New Prague, Minnesota, in the amount of \$36,240.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the life expectancy of this panel is anticipated to be 20 years. The panel it is replacing is 50 years old.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

AMENDMENT NO. 2, HIGH POINT/BLACKHAWK SEWER: Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Amendment No. 2 of a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for additional sanitary sewer work along High Point and Blackhawk Heights.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

AGREEMENT, PORT TRAIL PHASE 2: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Poepping, Stone, Bach and Associates for surveying, legal documentation and design of PORT Trail Phase 2.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the PORT Committee requested the City to pay for engineering for Phase 2. The Committee has raised more than \$200,000 and was just awarded a \$125,000 REAP grant.

At a concern raised by Andrews regarding the use of Quality of Life bond funds, City Manager David Varley will provide the Council with an update on the use of the bond funds.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CIVIL SERVICE LISTS: Lair MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to accept the Civil Service Commission's Fire Lieutenant Promotional List and Police Chief Eligibility List.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP: Following a change in leadership at LCEDG it was thought an update was needed. The City pledged \$50,000 a year for three years to LCEDG and is in the second year of that commitment. There have been questions regarding LCEDG following their rules and bylaws. Varley met with Dennis Fraise of LCEDG and was given a copy of their policies.

Varley said one thing that has changed over the last several years is the group now has a set budget and budget format. Their budget is reviewed by a finance committee and they have a process similar to the city's where the majority of the purchases are approved by the board. There are some items that are pre-approved, such as office supplies although there has been some contention over that. The group has been following their policies and just recently adopted additional policies. Varley said Fraise will appear before for updates and to answer questions if needed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Police Department had 1,238 calls for service during September. The Fire Department is standing by at Axalta this week as they do confined space work. Last week was Fire Prevention Week and the Fire Department was at the schools for fire drills. The auditors have been here and should have just a few more days next week. On Monday 24th Street was opened. Varley served as a judge for the world record attempt at tulip planting at the Lee County Conservation office today.

CLOSED SESSION

Wright MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to go into Closed Session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

City Attorney Robert Johnson reported the Closed Session was to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that person's reputation. The candidate's appointment will be discussed and the candid remarks of Council may impact his reputation. The candidate has requested a closed session and waived his presence at the closed session. It was his opinion that this situation qualifies as an exception to the open meetings law under 21.5(1)(i).

MOTION PASSED 7-0

At 7:43 P.M., Council exited to the Landing Conference Room for the Closed Session.

With no action taken, Council reconvened in Council Chambers at 9:05 P.M. Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to exit Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

OPEN SESSION

APPOINT POLICE CHIEF: Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the appointment of Timothy Sittig as Police Chief.

Cangas thanked everyone who waited while Council deliberated. He said this decision was not made lightly and there was a lot of discussion. He felt Council had made a good decision.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Great River Regional Waste Authority will meet Friday. The Historic Preservation Commission did not meet because of lack of agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 P.M., Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated October 4, 2016, in the amount of \$1,025,187.21; Library Claims dated September 21, 2016, in the amount of \$16,509.42 and Manual Claims dated October 4, 2016, in the amount of \$199,547.08.

PAYROLL	10/14/2016
General	\$171,543.37
Special	4,664.38
Revenues	
Road Use	20,671.16
Water	26,659.88
Sewer	34,909.13
Solid Waste	14,947.00
Storm Water	2,697.60
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk