

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present. Council Member Kevin Rink was absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Bob Manka, 35 Alta Drive, praised the work done on 48th Street but was opposed to the City's plan to realign 27th Street at Avenue L. He believed traffic would decrease at that intersection once the new Fareway Grocery store opens. He would rather see the City grind the bad parts of Avenue L. He presented percentages of how he believed traffic there would decrease following the opening of Fareway. He also expressed concern regarding properties the City acquired from the Lee County Board of Supervisors last month and suggested the City could get additional revenue from installing traffic cameras.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

- ♦ Minutes of February 21, 2017;
- ♦ February Financial Report;
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

At 5:39 P.M. Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing. There were no oral or written comments.

Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-13, ADOPT 17-18 BUDGET: Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, and directing that the appropriate filings be made as required by law.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 7th day of March, 2017.

Concerning Public Improvement Project 2017-01, Reconstruction of 15th Street from Avenue B to Ridgewood Road

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:41 P.M. There were no oral or written comments.

Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-14, APPROVE PLANS/SPECS & AWARD CONTRACT: Cangas MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications and form of contract for the project and awarding construction contract for the project to Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point, Iowa, in the amount of \$593,757.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 7th day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-15, APPROVE CONTACT & BONDS: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving contract and bonds of Jones Contracting Corp., pending receipt of the documents.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 7th day of March, 2017.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. D-041, AMEND TRAFFIC, ZONING CODES: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES: Lair MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 19, 3(A), Additional Parking Regulations and certain sections of Title 9, Traffic, Chapters 1, 7 and 11, to update definitions of commercial vehicles, provide an exception for recreational vehicles to be driven on residential streets and amend parking regulations for commercial vehicles, trailers and food trucks.

Greenwald noted this began with a gentleman saying “get this ordinance off the books or enforce it”. He saw several violations of this ordinance as he drove to the Council meeting tonight. Chief Sittig said the first thing the department will do is try to get compliance. The next thing would be ticketing the offender. Greenwald said he would not vote for this if it were not going to be enforced. Seidel also said he wanted to see action taken.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Andrews, Seidel, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: Wright

MOTION PASSED 5-1

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2017.

1ST READING, VACATE 15TH PLACE, 16TH, 17TH & 19TH STREETS SOUTH OF AVENUE P: Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance vacating 15th Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P.

Planning and Zoning Director Krogmeier said Hall Towing has received a grant to build a new facility and they requested to purchase the property. Hall Towing already owns all the adjoining property. These are only platted roads. Hall Towing has agreed to pay fair market value.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2017.

OTHER

ST. PATRICK'S DAY STREET PAINTING: Seidel MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the request of Horan's Cabaret to paint Avenue G in front of 1337 Avenue G for St. Patrick's Day.

Wright asked if Horan's Cabaret would have to come back every year. Cangas believed this should be discussed every year. Public Works Director Driscoll said the paint is water-soluble and should be gone within a week or two.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CDBG MULTI-FAMILY CONTRACT: Greenwald MOVED and Andrews SECONDED a motion to approve the Mayor's signature on an Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Multi-Family Unit Production Rental Disaster Recovery Fund Contract for the Cattermole and old Lee County Bank buildings.

Varley reported this is the former Frantz project. Barker Financial took over ownership of the buildings and they have been working with the state to be the new developer of the buildings. Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) agreed that they will receive the remaining funds for the project. This project does not include the Sears Building as Barker has not decided what they will do with that building. The contract includes funds for administration. Since the paperwork for the grant is very time-consuming and detailed, the City will be contracting with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning to administer it. SEIRPC has administered 60-70 of these grants and has the expertise.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The Police Department reported a small uptick in vehicle burglaries. The Fire Department performed confined space work at Axalta. The storm last night did major damage to several downtown buildings. The Library is having a book mark contest for all ages. Public Works reported several trees down from the storm also. Driscoll asked Council about having the 18th-20th Avenue E and the 15th Street projects run at the same time. Several Council members deferred that decision to staff.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Varley met with Alliant Energy regarding Alliant's proposed rate increase. The Des Moines Register will be meeting with Historic Iowa State Penitentiary group tomorrow for a tour and discussion regarding the old prison.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:04 P.M., Lair MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated March 2, 2017, in the amount of \$420,996.34 and Manual Claims dated March 1, 2017, in the amount of \$248,298.19.

PAYROLL	3/3/2017
General	\$194,225.83
Special	3,869.23
Revenues	
Road Use	20,386.58
Water	27,797.61
Sewer	36,307.07
Solid Waste	15,201.07
Storm Water	2,684.36
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	\$300,471.75

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk