

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Randolph read and presented a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented it to Kristal Yotter of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP). Yotter, Heaven Johnson and Alta Peters of DVIP explained some of the services the program offers including support for victims of domestic violence, court and medical advocacy, housing assistance and case management.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Andy Andrews, North Lee County Historical Society, introduced Ryan Wertz, the new part-time curator for the Historic Museum.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Seidel MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of September 19, 2017;
- New Five-Day License: Professional Women’s Conference, 415 – 11th Street, effective October 10, 2017 – Class C Liquor;
- Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor, 1414 – 48th Street, effective November 1, 2017 – Class B Wine, Class C Beer, Class E Liquor & Sunday Sales;
- Setting public hearing for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. to amend Title 10, Zoning, Chapters 2, 8, 10 and 11, to modify setback requirements in residential districts; and;
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1ST READING TO AMEND TITLES 2 & 8: Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Fort Madison City Code, Title 2, "Boards and Commission" and adding a new Chapter 13, "Parks and Park Facilities" to Title 8, "Public Ways and Properties".

City Manager David Varley reported the proposed changes include things Council has discussed as well as "clean up" by consolidating duplicate language and improving the workings of the various boards and commissions. Boards to be eliminated are: Sister Cities, Construction Board, Band Commission, Cable Television Commission, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Board, Cattermole Cultural Commission and Human Rights Commission. All but the Band Commission either have no members or no activity. The Band Commission will be a committee under the umbrella of the Parks Board.

Term limits for board and commission members were included. It was hoped persons would move from one board to another after they have meet the term limit. Randolph felt term limits will reduce the number of years of commitment so people don't feel like they are signing on for a six-year term. Cangas questioned if this is just two terms for all boards and commissions is for a lifetime or consecutive limit. It was clarified it would be two consecutive terms.

Bob Morawitz, 1405 Avenue D, former member of two City boards, expressed concern that setting a two term limit would make it more difficult to find members when this is already a problem. He suggested since all members have to be approved by the Mayor and City Council that the Mayor and Council not renew their terms if the member has been on too long.

Randolph said he would never want to discourage someone's volunteer efforts or willingness to serve. He would rather have a set limit to service and encourage that person to seek service on another board and commission after the limit is reached.

Morawitz said some commissions require members to have a certain knowledge base, such as Historic Preservation. He did not believe term limits were a good way to go.

Seidel was concerned there could be a lot of people who are currently serving that would no longer be able to serve when their term was up. Cangas felt that instead of term limits, he would rather have the hard conversation telling persons they need to move on to another board. He felt the term limit was a bad idea. Greenwald thought it would promote turnover and might force people to step up. Cangas said he would prefer to encourage and recruit instead of force someone out. Andrews believed some persons would not fit on another commission.

Randolph noted changes to the code started due to concern with the length of the terms. There are certain aspects of the proposed ordinance change that he believed were a plus, such as reducing the number of years in a term.

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

MOTION FAILED 4-3

OTHER

VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM: Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve purchase of a video recording system and cameras to replace and enhance the existing system at City Hall for a cost of \$30,431.47 from Convergent Technologies.

Police Chief Sittig reported the Police Department’s video recording system went down and the City’s technology provider, CURE Solutions, was able to provide a patch for the system. Sittig said the system is barely functioning and CURE said the system is failing and may not be able to repaired if it fails again. Officers are using body cameras to assist with interviews until the system can be replaced.

CURE provided names of security system providers and, following a review of their proposals, it was decided to go with Convergent Technologies. Additional cameras will be installed at the front counter and in several hallways in City Hall for security purposes. At a question from Andrews if local companies were asked for bids, Sittig said companies recommended by CURE were the companies approached.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Tim Sittig said DVIP is a good asset for the community. Fire Chief Joey Herren reported a garage fire at 1223 Avenue G over the weekend.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Nothing remarkable to report.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 M., Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated September 28, 2017 in the amount of \$1,491,061.51; Manual Claims dated September 29, 2017, in the amount of \$178,550.76.; and Library Claims dated September 29, 2017, in the amount of \$16,170.88.

<u>Payroll</u>	9/15/2017
General	\$189,544.19
Special Rev.	12,838.46
Road Use	25,343.01
Water	27,254.20
Sewer	39,689.94
Solid Waste	12,014.09
Storm Water	3,342.20
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	\$310,026.09

<u>Payroll</u>	9/29/2017
General	\$150,473.06
Special Rev.	5,503.76
Road Use	20,141.13
Water	21,209.97
Sewer	31,667.78
Solid Waste	8,491.49
Storm Water	2,715.88
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	\$240,203.07

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk