

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Greenwald presided with Council Members Brian Wright, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas present. Council Member Kevin Rink and Mayor Brad Randolph were absent.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

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

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Seidel MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of November 6, 2017;
- Liquor License Renewal: Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective December 15, 2017 – Class C Beer with Sunday Sales;
- The 201 Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017;
- Resolution No. 2017-62, approving the Fiscal Year ending 2017 Annual Urban Renewal Area Report;
- October Financial Report; and
- Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. D-047, AMEND TITLE 10, SETBACK REQUIREMENTS:** Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the third reading of an amendment to Title 10, Zoning, Chapters 2, 8, 10 and 11, to modify setback requirements in residential districts.

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 21st day of November, 2017.

**ORDINANCE NO. D-048, AMEND TITLES 2 & 8:** Seidel MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the third 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".

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 21st day of November, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-63, TAP GRANT APPLICATION:** Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for an Iowa Department of Transportation TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant to construct 2,450 feet of trail for PORT Trail System Phase 3, from 48<sup>th</sup> Street to the Fort Madison Community Hospital pond trail.

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 21st day of November, 2017.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-64, ORDER CONSTRUCTION PIP 2017-05, 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET & HWY 2 REPAIRS:** Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2017-05, 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Hwy. 2, Intersection Repairs.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll stated a major rain event occurred in 2014 and collapsed the sewer line at the intersection. Since then, the City has applied to FEMA and the State for assistance with repairs but have been denied. The project includes revamping the sewer system, installing three new manholes removing the old walkway down into the park. It is hoped this project can be completed this winter.

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 21st day of November, 2017.

### **OTHER**

**PURCHASE TWO BACKHOES:** Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve a the purchase of two new backhoes in the amount of \$209,000 from Tri State Construction Equipment of Palmyra, Missouri for the Public Works Department.

Driscoll said the City used the National Joint Powers Association for pricing and this should save the City approximately \$15,000. The old backhoes will be sold through GovDeals. It is estimated the old backhoes will bring in \$50,000 at auction. The backhoes to be purchased are 2017 John Deeres.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**PURCHASE TWO POLICE VEHICLES:** Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the purchase of two Dodge Durango police vehicles for the state bid price of \$50,426 to replace two police vehicles.

Police Chief Tim Sittig said these will be new 2018 vehicles. The department is replacing two Tahoes which will either be traded or be put on GovDeals.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**PURCHASE 2020 AVENUE M:** Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the City Manager and Public Works Director to negotiate the purchase of property at 2020 Avenue M in an amount not to exceed \$11,500.

Driscoll reported this property is in the same block as the water distribution shop. The home would be razed. The five-year plan calls for a new street shop which would be constructed on property the City owns behind it. The property is zoned for industrial use. An alternate site at Rodeo Park was investigated but would cost \$100,000 more. The old street shop property would then be used as the site for a new fire station.

**MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**GROUP BENEFIT PARTNERS UPDATE:** Craig Pieper of Group Benefit Partners (GBP) reported on some changes to the City's health insurance. Wellmark's rates were to increase 10.5% beginning in 2018. This is not unusual as City employee claims were higher for the last year than the premiums paid. GBP worked with the City and Wellmark on an alternate proposal. Because the City partially self-funds the plan, some changes were able to be made and the rates will only increase by approximately 4.5% in 2018.

To date, there were 42 insurance issues City employees contacted GBP about. GBP worked with the employees to resolve these issues.

### **REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

The Fire Department reported a couple small electrical fires over the weekend. On December 10 there will be a grand opening of Phase 2 of the PORT Trail.

### **PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The Tourism Commission met last week and tabled some funding requests until their next meeting in January. The group holding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks can request funding assistance from the Commission next year and will be held to the same requirements as other events requesting hotel/motel tax funding from the Tourism Commission. The fireworks group had been requesting funds directly from the City.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:55 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, December 5, 2017.at 5:30 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

**MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS:** See Claims dated November 16, 2017, in the amount of \$1,488,130.23 and Library Claims dated November 16, 2017, in the amount of \$6,077.79.

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| <u>Payroll</u> | 11/9/2017    |
| General        | \$174,734.84 |
| Special Rev.   | 3,912.49     |
| Road Use       | 24,733.94    |
| Water          | 24,730.39    |
| Sewer          | 40,428.23    |
| Solid Waste    | 10,487.28    |
| Storm Water    | 3,272.50     |
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|                | \$282,299.67 |

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Mayor Pro Tem Chris Greenwald  
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk