

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Bob Morawitz, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Matt Mohrfeld, Mark Lair and Chad Cangas were present.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Jared Durbin, Scout leader for Scout Troop 19, introduced Jared Durbin, Carson Durbin, Kaden Durbin, Colton Durbin, Matt Meierotto and Hadley Johnson, who were present to earn their Citizenship in the Community badge.

Andy Andrews, 2603 Avenue G, chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, expressed concern over the demolition of 1301 Avenue I by the City. He said the Commission was unaware the structure was to be demolished. He said there should be a list of historic properties in the City and Commission rules somewhere at City Hall.

Brian Riggs, Fort Madison Area Arts Association, requested Council consider funding the Art Center.

AGENDA

Randolph said Agenda Item #8, the Amtrak and BNSF agreements, have been pulled from the agenda. Mohrfeld MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the agenda with Item #8 removed.

Morawitz called a Point of Order, noting Roll Call had not been taken yet. Roll Call was then taken and all Council Members were present.

A vote was then taken to approve the amended agenda.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Mohrfeld MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of February 5, 2019;
- Outdoor Service Privilege for Horan's Cabaret: St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 1337 Avenue G – effective March 16 and 17, 2019;
- Partial Liquor License Refund: Columbus Club, Inc., in the amount of \$97.50;
- Resolution No. 2019-24, property tax exemption for Brenda S/Bernard L Derr, 820 Avenue G (remodel apartments);
- January Financial Report; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning Public Improvement Project 2018-02, Avenue G Sidewalk and Storm Water Improvements – this public hearing was cancelled.

Concerning Amendment to Title 10, Chapter 1, Title; Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 5:41 P.M. There being no oral or written comments, Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

1st READING, AMEND CHAPTER 10, ZONING, CHAPTERS 1 & 10: Morawitz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Fort Madison Zoning Code, Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 1, Title: Purpose, and Chapter 10, Administration.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day of February, 2019.

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER

APPROVE FY2019-20 BUDGET: Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and setting Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. as date and time for hearing.

City Manager David Varley gave a presentation regarding the proposed budget and also an option which included funding for the Amtrak Depot.

It was reported the Iowa Department of Transportation believes they can provide additional funding for the project in the amount of \$400,000. Randolph said the Amtrak and BNSF Agreements were pulled from the agenda because he learned at 4:00 P.M. this afternoon Amtrak would be willing to provide caretaking assistance for the interior of the depot for up to 10 years. This would provide some cost-saving for the City.

It was noted IDOT has estimated the City will have to pay back between \$63,000 to \$771,000 in engineering costs for the projects at the Santa Fe Depot if the project is not completed.

Greenwald felt the booster station funding should have come from Water instead of the General Fund. Several Council members suggested possibilities to increase funding or streamline operations. Greenwald suggested Council hold another workshop to create a standard guideline similar to the Findings of Fact the Board of Adjustment uses. Cangas said to take care of the business we have today and make a commitment to start next day to set goals.

Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to amend the motion to include Plan B.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

A vote was then taken on the amended motion.

**MOTION PASSED 6-AYES
1 NAY (Mohrfeld)**

VISU-SEWER AGREEMENT: Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Public Works Director's signature on an Agreement with Visu-Sewer, not to exceed \$35,000, to seal manholes from 2nd to 6th Streets along Avenue H.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

TRACTOR/MOWER PURCHASE: Morawitz MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the purchase of a tractor/mower in the amount of \$40,500 and a 6-foot rotary mower and 42-inch pallet forks for an additional \$4,550 from Sinclair Tractor of Houghton, Iowa.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

REAPPOINTMENTS: Cangas MOVED And Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Joe Thurman to the Old Fort Commission, term expiring March 31,2022, and Marty Dean to the Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission, term ending December 31, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ◆ Accept PIP 2016-03, Phase 2 WWTP Rehab
- ◆ Viking Cruise Line Agreement
- ◆ Housing and Building Code Updates
- ◆ BNSF Bridge Study
- ◆ Update of Title 4, Business

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Due to the snowy and icy winter so far, the City is running low on road salt.

LIASON REPORTS

Great River Regional Waste Authority is working on plans for future cells.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated February 19, 2019, in the amount of \$329,897.38.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	2/15/2019
General	\$168,687.43
Spec. Revenues	9,913.67
Road use	25,233.41
Water	30,240.18
Sewer	47,287.52
Solid Waste	11,447.21
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,486.68
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk