

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

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

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Pam Burford, 3110 Avenue L, wanted to discuss her delinquent sewer charges. A time was set for her to meet with City Manager David Varley.

AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of May 21, 2019;
- Liquor License Change: Fareway, 1820 Avenue H, effective July 24, 2019 – Class E Liquor, Class B Wine and Class C Beer;
- Resolution No. 2019-36, granting property tax exemption for William C/Rebecca Sue Griffiths, 6 Woodland Heights Court (new condominium);
- Partial List of Cigarette Permits; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

RECONSIDER – CHANGE SEWER RATES: Lair MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to reconsider the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Public Ways and Properties, Chapter 7, Sewage Works, Section 2, Sewerage Rate System, Subsection A, Unit Rates, Monitored and Nonmonitored Contributors, of the Fort Madison City Code to allow for a change in the sewerage rates.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

1ST READING, CHANGE SEWER RATES: Greenwald MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Public Ways and Properties, Chapter 7, Sewage Works, Section 2, Sewerage Rate System, Subsection A, Unit Rates, Monitored and Nonmonitored Contributors, of the Fort Madison City Code to allow for a change in the sewerage rates.

Morawitz and Mohrfeld expressed concern regarding the proposed higher upfront increase for citizens, especially those on fixed incomes.

1st MOTION TO AMEND: Morawitz MOVED and Lair SECONDED to amend the ordinance to change the increases to 6% in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and 3% in 2022 and 2023 to include the basic and volume charge.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the changes. Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said some projects might have to be scaled back. Because the Sewer Department has been very aggressive in trying meet the deadlines as set out by the Environmental Protection Agency Consent Order Driscoll felt it did allow some leeway.

Greenwald noted the increase will cost the average family a liter of Diet Pepsi a month. Mohrfeld said it seems the burden is being placed on residential and business as opposed to industry. Driscoll said the monitored (industrial) customers have flow meters and residential customers are billed 100% based on the water usage.

CALL THE QUESTION: Cargas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to call the question.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Morawitz, Rink, Mohrfeld, Lair, Cargas
 NAYES: Greenwald

MOTION PASSED 5-1

A vote was then taken on 1st MOTION TO AMEND.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Morawitz, Mohrfeld, Lair,
 NAYES: Greenwald, Cargas, Rink

MOTION FAILED 3-3

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Driscoll suggested 3% every six months for three years then 3% each year after that.

A long discussion was held regarding amounts and the differences between what monitored customers versus non-monitored customers charge.

2nd MOTION TO AMEND: Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to amend the ordinance to change the monitored and non-monitored Volume Charge to 3% each year beginning in 2019.

Council continued discussion on the proposed amendment.

A vote was then taken on the **2nd MOTION TO AMEND.**

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

A vote was then taken on the Amended Motion.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Rink, Lair, Cangas
 NAYES: Morawitz, Mohrfeld,

MOTION PASSED 4-2

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37, REVISE STP GRANT APPLICATION: Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adopt a resolution requesting the revision of a grant application for Regional Transportation STP Funds for the Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 Between 10th and 20th Streets.

Driscoll explained the City has a grant for old Highway 61 between 10th and 20th Streets. He wished to pull out the 18th to 20th Street section from the grant and proceed with that using Highway 61 funds now. The plan is to make the one-way sections two-way and add a center turning lane.

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

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 4th day of June, 2019.

OTHER

AGREEMENT WITH PSBA: Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Standard Consultant Contract with Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc., for Public Improvement Project 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison Phase 3! - Hospital Connector.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPOINTMENT: Greenwald MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the appointment of Stephanie Knoch to the Civil Service Commission, to fill an expired term, term expiring March 31, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECTS: Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve sewer rehabilitation projects on Richards Drive from 27th Street to R Lane and at 18th Street and Pat's Alley for a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TRAFFIC LIGHTS: Driscoll reported to keep the current traffic lights at this intersection function it will cost \$53,000. He said some citizens want to keep the lights blinking red, others want a fully functional traffic light. He asked for Council to determine this. He said the intersection is poorly designed and sooner or later we will be back to where we were with accidents. The only way to solve the issues with the wait is with a dedicated turning lane. A suggestion was made to have a flashing 4-way stop. There are 17,000 cars going through that intersection each day. The \$53,000 will purchase a new control pack which is just the electronics. Council questioned if a camera sensor, radar or heat detection system could be used to shorten the wait time at the red light. Driscoll was going to come back with a new proposal at the next Council meeting.

AMERICAN CRUISE LINES: City Manager David Varley said the City was recently contacted by American Cruise Lines about a docking lease at Riverview Park. American Cruise Lines has been operating in the United States since 2000. In 2019 they plan to dock here 10 times during the months of June through October. This will increase to 30 dockings by 2021.

Varley reviewed some differences in the proposed leases from Viking and American:

- ❖ Terms: Both 20 years with two 10-year options.

- ❖ Viking - \$1.7 million estimated to extend pier, add a barge, caissons and dolphins. The City would be responsible for \$1.2 million, Viking will pay \$500,000.
- ❖ American - Their boats have a ramp off the front of the boat so less work needs to be done. The estimated cost would be \$30-40,000. If the cost is \$30,000, the City's cost would be \$15,000. If the cost is over \$30,000, then American's additional contribution will be negotiated. Tenant would share the pier if the east side was developed for docking other ships.
- ❖ Rent – Each will pay \$1 per passenger.
- ❖ Docking fee - Viking will retain \$1 per passenger from other ships using the facility during the first 20 years or until Viking has recovered \$500,000 of revenue.
- ❖ Docking rights – Viking will have priority docking rights to the improvements. American priority docking rights to the west side of the pier, other ships may use this area when not being used by tenant.
- ❖ Utilities – City provides sewer if practicable.
- ❖ Passengers: Viking ships hold 250-300 persons, American's 150-200 persons.

Randolph noted once Viking signs the contracts to build their ships it will be 24-30 months after that before any Viking ships will dock here.

Varley was directed to move forward with the lease.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Sheriff Weber reported restructuring has already begun in the Police Department. A member of the Drug Task Force has stepped in to work as a full-time detective and the Sheriff's Department loaned two detectives this week to work on pending cases. An arrest was made in the Baxter Sports Complex robbery. In-car computers should be installed soon. The Library's Summer Reading Program kicked off on Tuesday, there are about 200 people signed up from age 2 to 70. The Fire Department will be standing by for confined space work at Dupont for at least another month. The Fire Department's new boat was delivered last Friday and should be in service sometime this month. The Riverview Pavilion sustained water damage during the most recent round of flooding.

LIASON REPORTS: Morawitz requested the City Code be changed to add regulations for Uber and Lyft. Rink requested a public service announcement be prepared regarding grass cuttings in the street. Mohrfeld reported the Lee County Board of Supervisors agreed to move forward with accepting the Rashid Building from the City. Lair complimented the volunteers who worked at the North Lee County Historical Society Museum during the flooding.

POSSIBLE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- ◆ Update of Title 4, Business

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:24 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated May 30, 2019, in the amount of \$121,287.17, and Manual Claims dated May 31, 2019, in the amount of \$292,882.97.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	5/24/2019
General	\$174,164.03
Spec. Revenues	11,141.46
Road Use	23,498.03
Water	28,443.08
Sewer	37,929.38
Solid Waste	12,000.65
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,490.77
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk