

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

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

**VISITORS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the agenda.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Regular Meeting and Work Session Minutes of November 19, 2019; and
- Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

***Concerning Amendments to the Fort Madison Zoning Code, Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, Section 5, and Chapter 12, Section 3***

At 5:35 P.M. Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to close the public hearing.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 4, General Provisions, Section 5, Supplementary District Regulations, by adding fence regulations on reverse corner lots, and Chapter 12, B-1 Business District, Limited Retail, Section 3, Permitted Uses, to change the definition of Schools/Educational Facilities.

Planning and Zoning Director Doug Krogmeier explained the proposed ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission wished to clarify what is allowed a section concerning fencing on reverse corner lots so the intent is clear. Lair did not feel the change regarding “Schools/Educational Facilities” was acceptable and asked if that was all that was going to be done. Krogmeier said the change separates “schools and educational facilities” from “dance studios”. The Commission is reviewing the Code and looking at more changes.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

**MOTION PASSED 4-1**

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1st READING, VACATE PORTION OF R-O-W ON MOKENA TERRACE:** Cangas MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance vacating an approximate 33' x 160' strip of City-owned right-of-way located between 2321 Mokena Terrace and City Limits.

Krogmeier said this is a portion of right-of-way that is not needed, it borders Mokena Terrace on the east and City limits on the west. The owner of the property next to it would like to clear some trees and add to his property.

It was noted one line in the proposed ordinance referenced the "3500 block of Avenue L". This will be corrected before the final reading. The ordinance did contain the correct legal description.

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

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

**2nd READING, VACATE R-O-W 3500 BLOCK AVENUE L:** Morawitz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of City-owned right-of-way located in the 3500 block of Avenue L.

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

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

The Mayor then declared the second reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73, SET PUBLIC HEARING:** Cangas MOVED and Mohrfeld SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for December 17, 2019, at 5:30 P.M., on the exchange of property located in the 3500 block of Avenue L.

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

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

## OTHER

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT LIST:** Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to accept the Civil Service Commission's Fire Department Lieutenant Promotional List.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**AIRPORT GRANT FOR LIGHTING CONTROLLER:** Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a FY 2020 Immediate Safety Enhancement grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation Aviation Bureau for the acquisition and installation of a new lighting controller.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**WONDRA REAPPOINTMENT:** Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the bid of Pilot Grove Savings Bank of Fort Madison for the City's banking services effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

## DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS

**Group Benefit Partners:** Justin Pieper of Group Benefit Partners, reported the City's health insurance premiums are only increasing 2.32% for 2020. He noted the Plan has performed well from a financial standpoint. The City continues to partially self-fund the Plan. A second option, a health savings account plan, will be offered for 2020.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police officers are posting notices on nuisance vehicles this week. Two officers will graduate from the academy next week. Staff has begun the budget process.

## PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mohrfeld reported he has been meeting with City departments and touring their facilities. He planned to meet with Council Member-elect Rebecca Bowker regarding how to keep the public informed and educated regarding a possible franchise fee. He has also spoken to Mid American Energy regarding franchise fees and also plans to talk to business and industry. He wants to fill board and commission appointments and hopes to speak to board members individually.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:** See Claims dated November 26, 2019, in the amount of \$164,084.04, and Manual Claims dated November 27, 2019, in the amount of \$237,678.04.

<b>PAYROLL</b>	11/22/2019
General	\$189,864.09
Special Revenue	10,610.82
Road Use	26,789.77
Water	29,535.87
Sewer	39,356.12
Solid Waste/IWC	11,834.43
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,557.55
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Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk