

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, January 19, 2021

The City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Pro Tem Rusty Andrews presided with Council Members Mark Lair, Rebecca Bowker, Tom Schulz, Donna Amandus, Chad Cangas and Kevin Rink present. Mayor Matt Mohrfeld was absent.

The meeting was held with participants present either in person or electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS: There were none.

AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Cangas MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of January 5, 2021;
- Liquor License Renewal: Pen City Aerie (Eagles, 4821 Avenue O, effective January 31, 2021 – Class C Liquor with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Hy-Vee Food Store, 2606 Avenue L, effective March 19, 2021 – Class E Liquor, Class B Wine, Class C Beer with Sunday Sales;
- Liquor License Renewal: Under the Sun, 733 Avenue G, effective March 1, 2021 – Class B Native Wine with Sunday Sales; and
- Claims dated January 14, 2021, and the December 2020 Financial Report.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Parks Department used the new Kobata to clean the trails following the last snow. It greatly reduced the amount of time it takes to clear the snow. The Hospital Foundation trail project did not have the funds at the time the project was awarded to fund an alternate to the bid. There is now funding for the alternate from the hospital and SIRRC so the alternate will move forward. A sewer separation kick-off meeting was held last week. The library received a \$5,000 bequest from the Aaron Guzman estate. The Health Department contacted the Police Department concerning a traffic safety plan for their proposed vaccination clinic at the old Iowa State Penitentiary site. The “no parking” signs on the south side of Avenue E are being placed this week. Before the ordinance takes effect, warning citations will be issued. Police Chief Rohloff met with the president of St. John’s United Church of Christ to discuss temporary arrangements for handling the traffic flow problems occurring with the End of the Month Meal distribution. It is believed most of these problems will diminish when the meals are served inside the building again.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning the Voluntary Annexation of Property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue

Andrews opened the public hearing at 5:46 P.M. Andrews asked if anyone present or participating via Zoom had any comments. With no oral or written comments, Andrews closed the public hearing at 5:47 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO 2021-05, ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY: Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the voluntary annexation of property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of January, 2021.

Concerning the Sale of A Portion of City Right-of-Way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek

Andrews opened the public hearing at 5:48 P.M. Andrews asked if anyone present or participating via Zoom had any comments. With no oral or written comments, Andrews closed the public hearing at 5:49 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO 2021-06, SELL PROPERTY: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the sale of a portion of City Right-of-Way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek to Christopher and Tara Vincent.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of January, 2021.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE D-072, VACATE R-O-W: Lair MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way located between 2601 Avenue L and Dry Creek.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the third reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day of January, 2021.

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2nd READING, REZONE 2110 – 303RD AVENUE: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property at 2110 – 303rd Avenue from R-1, One-Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the second reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED this 19th day of January, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07, APPOINT VARLEY: Lair MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing David Varley to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring January 1, 2022.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Lair, Andrews, Amandus, Schulz, Rink, Cangas
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of January, 2021.

OTHER

APPOINTMENTS: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Dianna Holmes to the Historic Preservation Commission, serving an unexpired term, term expiring December 31, 2021, and Jason Lynk, to the Fort Madison SIRRC Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

REAPPOINTMENTS: Schulz MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Andy Andrews and Dan Reppert to the Historic Preservation Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023, and Stephanie Knoch to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring March 31, 2025.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT: Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HR Green, for additional topographic surveys, design, and construction phase services for the 18th Street Trail, the 15th Street box culvert extension and the Rodeo Park trail realignment for Public Improvement Project 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Foundation – Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail.

MOTION PASSED 6-1

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TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR: Cangas MOVED and Schulz SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a one-year continuation of a contract with Attorney Ed Harvey for his services to represent the City of Fort Madison as a prosecutor for traffic and other criminal infractions.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Schulz spoke to the Neighborhood Watch Committee groups. Bridges of Lee County is seeking mentors for program participants. Cangas, Amandus and Bowker held their first meeting concerning review of the Tourism Commission. Historic Presentation met and set up some committees to work on some projects they have.

Cangas and several Council members noted they have been receiving anonymous notes either in their mailboxes or placed at their residence or vehicles. These notes are not mailed, they are not signed and there is no return address. Cangas said he will not open these due to security issues. Council said they are more than willing to discuss the items brought up in these letters with the sender but are unable to do so.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Budget Work Session will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:05 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until February 2, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated January 14, 2021, in the amount of \$581,301.60.

Rusty Andrews, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk