

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews, Travis Seidel and Jason Huppert. Council Members Chad Cangas was absent.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

Loren “Andy” Andrews reminded everyone that there are still seats available for persons to attend the Ed Bears speech on Wednesday night.

**AGENDA**

Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Greenwald MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of March 3, 2015, as written;
- ♦ Mayor’s appointment of Larry Wright to the Library Board, filling the unexpired term of Mary Kay Moline, term expiring July 1, 2016;
- ♦ Mayor’s reappointment of Dennis Dowell to the Band Commission, term expiring April 1, 2018;
- ♦ Mayor’s reappointment of Al Schulte and Doug Kenel to the Construction Board, terms expiring February 21, 2018;
- ♦ Mayor’s reappointment of Brenda Parker, Joel Amandus and Ed Delaney to the Planning and Zoning Commission, terms expiring March 18, 2020;
- ♦ Mayor’s reappointment of Carol Foss and Sharon Harp to the Old Fort Commission, term expiring March 21, 2018;
- ♦ February Financial Report; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-15, UNITED WAY RSVP:** Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve a resolution to provide limited financial support to the United Way's Retired Senior Volunteer Program and committing \$20,000 in FY 2015-16, \$15,000 in FY 2016-17 and \$15,000 in FY 2017-18 to the program.

Greenwald explained he and Council Members Wright and Huppert met with the United Way last August to come to an agreement that would allow the program to continue without the City's sponsorship. This agreement is a compromise between the City and the United Way. Sarah Crabtree, United Way Executive Director, said the United Way is looking at ways to make this program self-sustaining. She praised the current RSVP Director Cindy Steflik and what she had done with the program since she was hired by the City in November 2014.

ROLL CALL:           AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Huppert  
                              NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 17th day of March, 2015.

**OTHER**

**STP AGREEMENT PIP 2015-01:** Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on an Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation to allow the use of Federal STP funds for Public Improvement Project 2015-01, Reconstruction of Avenue E from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said this is a formality with the Iowa Department of Transportation to start the bidding process. Construction should begin in August or September. The projected cost is \$575,000 and the City will pay 30% of that

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**BUILDING MATERIALS LEASE:** Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a three-year land lease agreement with Building Materials, Inc., for property located at 619 – 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Management Analyst John Luna said this is an ongoing lease with Building Materials since the late 1940s. For property located south of Avenue G from their business. They pay a lease fee and property taxes. The City was given this property by the government and we cannot sell the property.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**SLUDGE HAULING CONTRACT:** Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a contract with S. H. Enterprises for sludge hauling services.

Driscoll said only one person submitted a bid for this but he felt the price was a good price. He recommended approval.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**BATTLEFIELD SITE:** No action was taken following a discussion concerning funding the purchase of the Battlefield Site at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue H.

Varley attended a meeting where the Archaeological Conservancy was invited. The Conservancy is interested in preserving sites, not develop them. They have hundreds of sites around the country and will provide partial funding for the sites. The Conservancy will pay for half the cost of the purchase, pay \$10,000 to develop the site and then the Conservancy will maintain it forever. The deed would be in the Conservancy's name. The Conservancy would have final say regarding the development of the property even if there is a local financial contribution.

Varley contacted two different groups who have dealt with the Conservancy. These two groups said the Conservancy is a very professional group. They said it is very important to have a local management group to work with the Conservancy. Both these sites are much larger than Fort Madison's site. They said the Conservancy will work with the local group but to come up with some language whether it is easements or other items. A local board is also needed to work with the Conservancy.

Andy Andrews said the Friends of Old Fort Madison have not ruled out the Conservancy's financial assistance and has raised \$32,250 to fund this. He was in favor of local ownership of the site and requested the City pledge some funds if Friends of Old Fort Madison does not raise \$50,000 to fully fund the purchase of the site.

Driscoll asked if this stayed local who would be performing the maintenance of the site. Andrews said the fundraising will continue to hire someone to do the work.

Wright expressed concern regarding liability if the City provided funding and the maintenance if the Conservancy was not involved. Dr. Eugene Watkins said he did not see the Conservancy being a hindrance from what we want to do.

Bob Morawitz, 1405 Avenue D, is one of the donors. He would prefer to keep the property under local control. Dave Moehn, Old Fort Commission Chair, said the Walker Collaborative would be present at tomorrow night's Old Fort Commission to give the rough draft proposal of the Battlefield Site.

Rusty Andrews said he would like to see this stay local. Greenwald said he understands both sides of argument. He felt the best thing to preserve this would be with the Conservancy.

**PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

A public meeting will be held on April 1, 2015 at the Fort Madison Public Library concerning the proposed Highway 61 changes. The Board of Adjustment met and discussed the downtown parking situation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

**MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS:** See Claims dated March 12, 2015, in the amount of \$259,111.54 and Manual Claims dated February 27, 2015, in the amount of \$437,762.25.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>3/6/2015</u>
General	\$170,023.53
RSVP	848.71
Old Fort	2,428.51
Road Use	20,674.36
Hotel/Motel	1,344.87
Water	26,191.03
Sewer	36,735.09
Solid Waste	21,469.06
Storm Water	689.77
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph  
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk