

**MINUTES  
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews and Travis Seidel present. Council Members Chad Cangas and Jason Huppert were absent.

**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

There were none.

**AGENDA**

Wright MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda as written.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of May 19, 2015, as written;
- ♦ Partial List of Cigarette Permits; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-35, ACCEPT PIP 2014-05:** Seidel MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution accepting Public Improvement Project 2014-05. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Street CSO – Phase 1.

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

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 2nd day of June, 2015.

**OTHER**

**PURCHASE COMBINATION SEWER JET TRUCK:** Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the bid of Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Company of Johnston, Iowa, in the amount of \$389,511 for a new or demo combination jet truck.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said Mid-Iowa submitted the low bid of \$361,964 for a new truck and also submitted a bid of \$369,511 for a demo truck. The demo truck has \$30,000 of additional equipment that would be used. The demo truck comes with an extended warranty. The other bid received was \$24,000 higher than the demo truck and did not meet all the specifications.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**CITY MANAGER SALARY INCREASE:** Greenwald MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to authorize a \$3,000 per year salary increase for City Manager David Varley, retroactive to April 6, 2015.

Randolph said Varley's contact with the City includes a \$3,000 salary increase following a satisfactory evaluation following six months of employment. The evaluation was held during closed session at the last City Council meeting.

Wright questioned if he should vote on this matter as he left before the closed session was completed. Although Seidel was not present during the closed session, he said that he has seen the work Varley is doing and he is doing a good job. Several other Council Members felt Wright should base his vote upon his observance of Varley's performance during the last six months.

Mike Chapman, 1617 Avenue B, apologized to Varley for some comments he made (on social media) regarding the raise.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**SANCHEZ BOXING LEASE:** Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on a two-year lease with Sanchez Boxing for the use of property located at 1307 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Varley reported the Fort Madison Boxing Club has been utilizing this space in the Water Distribution building since the late 1980s. Sanchez Boxing has taken over for the Club and a new lease is needed.

Bob Morawitz 1405 Avenue D, questioned if the opportunity to use this space should be offered to the public. Driscoll said the space was used by a boxing club for over 25 years and, if bids were taken to use the space, the City would offer it for the same use.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**CATFISH BEND SUBLEASE:** Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the Mayor and City Clerk's signatures on a Sublease Agreement between Catfish Bend Riverboat Casinos II, LLC, and Sunflower Enterprises, Inc.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS** - None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

The Lee County Courthouse began paperless filing this week. Lee County is one of the last counties in the state to implement this. Haz Mat team training included planning and preparation for trains with tankers carrying crude oil. Library Summer Reading Program begins next week. A public meeting will be held on June 10 at the library regarding the old Highway project. The Tourism Commission gave funds to the soon-to-be formed Historic Iowa State Penitentiary Foundation to set up a non-profit organization, pay for a consultant and some volunteer expenses.

**PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

The Airport Commission heard a request from someone who has requested a commercial drone permit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:52 P.M., Rink MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**VOICE VOTE APPROVAL**

**MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS:** See Claims dated May 28, 2015, in the amount of \$560,627.54 and Library Claims dated May 20, 2015, in the amount of \$10,040.90.

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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph  
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

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Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk