

**MINUTES**  
**FORT MADISON PARKS, RECREATION & DOCK BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5:00PM**  
**FORT MADISON, IOWA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Chapman, Jim Decker, Lauri Wondra and Jesus Garcia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Ann Gaudette and Tara Johnson

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** John Luna, Dawn Helling, City Manager David Varley,  
Councilman Rusty Andrews

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tim Gobble, Terry Hoenig

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Decker at 5:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Garcia MOVED and Chapman SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comments:**

Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners, asked for approval to lease the Riverview Pavilion and parking lot to the west of the pavilion for “Rendevous On The River”. This is a fundraiser for banners and a sound system. It will be held July 10, August 7 and September 14, 2015 and will consist of a car show, music, food and a beer garden. Police Chief Niggemeyer will be contacted about what area they should fence for the beer garden. The parks board granted permission to start advertising and it will be voted on during the July 1, 2015 parks board meeting.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- A. TO APPROVE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK’S SIGNATURES ON A SUBLEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CATFISH BEND RIVERBOAT CASINOS II, LLC, AND SUNFLOWER ENTERPRISES, INC:** Luna shared Sunflower Enterprises, Inc. has purchased the riverboat, which is docked in Riverview Park, and is wanting to sublease the docking space under Catfish Bend Casino. This boat should be removed by October 31, 2015.

Chapman MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion 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 CARRIED

- B. SET GAS PRICES AT FORT MADISON MARINA AND ESTABLISH POLICY FOR FUTURE PRICE INCREASE:** Luna shared Helling shared the marina in Burlington charges \$3.30 per gallon and the marina in Keokuk charges \$3.25 per gallon. Chapman shared he would like for the marina to attract people but not go in debt. He suggested charging \$3.20 per gallon. Wondra asked Terry Hoenig if a boater will pay more

so they will not have to remove their boat from the water. Hoenig shared Fort Madison is in between the 2 dams, therefore, there is more boat traffic. He stated there is no sign/banner to promote the sale of gas or items in the marina building. It is going to take some effort to inform people there are services available. Kirk is good at greeting people and informing them verbally. Luna shared signs have been ordered. Garcia shared he would like 12 packs of pop/water available to purchase. Decker shared the gas price should fluctuate along with the market. Councilman Andrews shared the Airport Commission votes on the gas price at every meeting so there is a record. Luna suggested having a mark-up price of \$.50.

Chapman MOVED and Wondra SECONDED a motion to approve a \$.50 MARK-UP AND EACH TIME THERE IS AN INCREASE, PARKS BOARD WILL DISCUSS. MOTION CARRIED

- C. **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VBS IN FAHEY MEMORIAL SHELTER:** August 10-12, 2015, Luna shared this is a re-occurring event.

Chapman MOVED and Garcia SECONDED a motion to approve the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VBS IN FEHEY MEMORIAL SHELTER. MOTION CARRIED

#### **Directors Report:**

Luna shared he met with City Manager Varley and Mayor Randolph about the \$250,000 Quality of Life Bond. If a person has an idea for a park improvement they will need to create a plan then share it with the parks board. If the park board votes on it then it will go to the City Council. The parks board will have more say as to how the funds are spent. Parks board members can also make suggestions. If certain funds are specified for a park then it has to be spent on that park. Chapman feels Rodeo Park and Riverview Park are the most attended. He shared that John Shaw would like to have removable baskets for the disc golf courses. The current baskets have been bent and damaged due to horses being tied to them, etc. Luna shared the Kuhlmeier Fountain pump is no longer working and needs a new pump assembly. The Quality of Life Bond could be used for that. Chapman asked if the parks board presented an idea to the City Council could they have already spent it on something else. City Manager Varley shared the City Council has the final say but Mayor Randolph wants more suggestions to come from the parks board.

Chapman MOVED and Wondra SECONDED a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Jim Decker, Vice Chairperson