

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rusty Andrews, Mark Lair, Rebecca Bowker, Tom Schulz, Chad Cangas, Kevin Rink and Donna Amandus present. Lair and Schulz participated via Zoom.

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 Lair SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of January 27 and February 2, 2021;
- Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General #2194, 4809 Avenue O, effective March 1, 2021 – Class C Beer, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales;
- Claims dated February 12, January Manual Claims, January Financial Report; and
- Payroll: February 2, 2021.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

UPDATE: Downtown Incident: Police Chief Mark Rohloff gave an overview of the events leading up to and an incident in the 800 block of Avenue G on February 7. The police had been at Jus' Try It, a business in that block, following a noise complaint. The owners informed the police there had been a disturbance and the person was asked to leave. Approximately 30 minutes later there were shots fired in the 800 block. An officer was 1 ½ blocks away and responded with 30 seconds. A 43-year old Burlington resident was arrested in connection with this incident. A second suspect has been identified and is being sought. Search warrants have been executed. Rohloff was unable to provide any further report as the investigation is ongoing.

At a questions from Bowker, Rohloff noted the incident did not occur on the premises of Jus' Try It. The owners of the business, Jus' Try It, have been cooperating with the investigation.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The police department is the recipient of a grant to receive eight external defibrillators. The Fire Department will serve as honor guard at the funeral of retired firefighter this week. The Fire Department also performed an ice rescue at a slough last week. There have been a lot of calls regarding CO2 levels in homes with the extremely cold weather. It has been a snowy week and the street crews have been busy plowing. The Water Department has received a lot of calls concerning frozen pipes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning the Fiscal Year 2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy

Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:05 P.M.

Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier said the tax levy is not changing. The only change would be if the state changed the residential rollback. There were no other written or oral comments.

Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 6:07 P.M.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-08, APPROVE FY2022 MAXIMUM TAX LEVY: Lair MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-09, SET PUBLIC HEARING: Cangas MOVED and Rink SECONDED to adopt a resolution ordering construction and setting public hearing for Public Improvement Project 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61, 6th to 10th Street.

Lair had been contacted by a business regarding concerns the installation of trees along the highway would block the view of the river. Public Works Director Mark Busselot said he spoken to a business owner regarding this. This can be looked at as the project progresses.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10, APPROVE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS: Lair MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve property tax exemptions for Sandra O. Lynch, 913 – 26th Street, new garage, and Scott W./Melissa S. Hobbs, 2 Lanewood Drive, 24' x 24' addition and major remodel.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11, SET PRICE SCHEDULE: Cangas MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting a price schedule for the sale of City-owned property.

Planning Director Doug Krogmeier said the City's process to sell City property/right-of-way includes having a price analysis prepared. This resolution sets a price schedule and streamlines the process. There are several tiers which reflect whether the property is improved or has easements.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12, AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION: Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on a Land and Water Conservation grant application for PORT Trail Phase IV.

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

MOTION PASSED 7-0

The Mayor then declared the Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

OTHER

RISK/RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT: Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for a Risk and Resilience Assessment for the water plant and distribution system.

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Bousselot reported this will look for risks to the water system and the resilience of sensitive components. Some changes may be needed following completion of the assessment. This is federally mandated and must be done by June 30.

MOTION PASSED 5-2
(Nays: Schulz, Rink)

PRE-TREATMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE: Bowker MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants for Pre-Treatment Program Assistance.

Bousselot reported the Department of Natural Resources discovered on a 2011 permit the City was not in compliance with the Pre-Treatment Streamlining Rule. The DNR is requiring this be completed by April 1.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

HR GREEN AMENDMENT #2: Bowker MOVED and Amandus SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Amendment #2 to a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for additional quotes, design and construction services for the construction of a 10' wide bridge for the GRHS-FMCH Community Foundation Trail.

Bousselot reported the hospital foundation and SIRRC are providing funding for this.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

BRIDGE: Cangas MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to accept the quote of Steffensmeier Welding & Manufacturing, of Pilot Grove, Iowa, in the amount of \$86,156 for a pedestrian bridge for the GRHS-FMCH Community Foundation Trail.

MOTION PASSED 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Fiscal Year 2022 Budget – There were no questions or concerns from Council regarding the proposed FY2022 Budget.

OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Amandus reported the Dog Park Committee has a donor who will match up to \$5,000 in donations for the walkways.

The Marina Group is setting up their non-profit. The group is meeting every week by Zoom. Mohrfeld said each part of the marina plan will be contingent on another part. The next step for the City Council will be a lease agreement with the newly-formed non-profit.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Madison Nursing Home is planning an addition that will double the size of the facility. The business has requested Fort Madison provide a financial incentive.

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ADJOURNMENT: At 6:42 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until March 2, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated February 12, 2021, in the amount of \$597,381.75, and January Manual Claims, in the amount of \$122,374.71.

PAYROLL	2/12/2021
General	\$ 177,893.57
Old Fort	2,766.29
Road Use	31,982.64
Tourism	1,153.13
Water	29,803.22
Sewer	40,219.77
Solid Waste	13,152.27
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	4,473.74
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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk