

678 PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Rebecca Bowker, Kevin Rink, Mark Lair, Bob Morawitz (Morawitz joined the meeting at 5:41 P.M.), Tyler Miller and Rusty Andrews present. Council Member Chad Cangas was absent.

The meeting was held electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical for the health and safety of City Council, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

VISITORS – There were none.

AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of May 5, 2020;
- Liquor License Renewal: Fort Madison Partners, 7th Street to 8th Street (Downtown Summer Market), effective June 11, 2020 – Class B Beer with Outdoor Service;
- Liquor License Renewal: Hill Side Inn, 1135 Avenue E, effective June 1, 2020 – Class B Native Wine Permit, Special Class C Liquor with Living Quarters, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- Claims dated May 14, 2020, April Financial Report and City Manager Financial Update; and
- Payroll: May 8, 2020.

Bowker questioned an expenditure for physicals. Fire Chief Herren said firefighters are required to have a yearly physical. A portion of that is covered through the City's health insurance but the remainder the City must pay for.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Morawitz joined the meeting at 5:41 P.M.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: The Police Department has changed to CAD for service calls. There was a fire at 1924 Avenue L last week. Chief Herren did a presentation to the Lee County Board of Supervisors for the ambulance service. The Supervisors extended the Lee County Ambulance Service's contract for one year. Herren said this is a temporary fix and recommended the City continue to look at this. Bowker questioned how the Supervisors could justify paying Lee County Ambulance \$900,000 this year and then possibly paying \$1,800,000 next year for someone to start an ambulance service when the City's proposal was \$1,800,000 this year and \$900,000 next year. Herren said their answer is that they did not have \$1,800,000 to get someone started now.

The Library is looking for alternative ways to hold Summer Reading program activities. A special use permit was issued for a dog grooming business. There were 200 notices issued for tall grass. The Storms Court water main project is moving along. Some city employees are still furloughed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Amendments

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:06 P.M. There were no written comments.

Finance Director Peggy Steffensmeier gave a brief overview of the amendments and the reasons for them.

Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 6:09 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-28, FY 20189-20 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Bowker MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Amendments

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Lair, Rink, Miller, Andrews
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED, this 19th day of May, 2020.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1ST READING, AMEND "TRAFFIC": Rink MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the Fort Madison City Code, Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 3, Speed, and replacing Title 9, Chapter 4, Traffic Regulations, Chapter 5, Turning Regulations and Other Violations, and Chapter 6 Equipment.

Police Chief Rohloff said he discovered some shortcomings in the City's traffic code. These changes condense the City's traffic code and incorporate the State Code by reference. He then reviewed the changes with Council. Morawitz questioned school zone speed limits and flags on recreational vehicles.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Lair, Rink, Miller, Andrews
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared the first reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED, this 19th day of May, 2020.

2ND READING AMEND FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE: Lair MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 25, Floodplain Management.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Lair, Rink, Miller, Andrews
NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared the second reading of said Ordinance PASSED and APPROVED, this 19th day of May, 2020.

REZONE 2324 AND 2332 AVENUE J: Lair MOVED and Andrews SECONDED to table the third reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at 2324 and 2332 Avenue J, from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway Business District for no more than one year.

Herren said since the City did not receive the ambulance service contract, the owner of the property did not plan to construct a warehouse now. Planning Director Doug Krogmeier requested the matter be tabled to a later date.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Bowker, Morawitz, Lair, Rink, Miller, Andrews
NAYES: None

**MOTION PASSED 6-0
MOTION TABLED**

OTHER

BOARD APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: Morawitz MOVED and Bowker SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Tom Pollpeter, Kathy Burkhardt and Anne Heitz to the Library Board, terms expiring June 30, 2026; and Susan Pieper to the Parks Board, term expiring March 31, 2023; and the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Gregory to the Historic Preservation Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring December 31, 2020

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPROVE PSA W/STANLEY CONSULTANTS: Bowker MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., of Muscatine, for design and construction engineering services for the Relocation of the Henry Layden Drive Sanitary Force Main along Highway 61.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

APPROVE PSA W/HR GREEN: Morawitz MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green of Cedar Rapids, for design and construction engineering services for the SRF Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements at Avenue H and 8th Street, and the front City Hall Parking Lot.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CHANGE ORDER #1, PIP 2018-04: Rink MOVED and Morawitz SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on Change Order #1 increasing P.I.P. 2018-04, Avenue H 2nd to 6th Street Reconstruction Project, to \$2,415,821.29.

Public Works Director Mark Boussetot outlined the changes and the reasons for them.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: The Fort Madison Housing Authority held their first meeting after a two-month hiatus. Neighborhood watches have been patrolling.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mohrfeld said he hoped Council will be able to meet in person at a form of hybrid meeting in June. He wanted to hold a work session concerning the marina following that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:48 P.M., the regular meeting adjourned until Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

MANUAL CLAIMS & WARRANTS: See Claims dated May 14, 2020, in the amount of \$967,667.14.

PAYROLL	5/8/2020
General	\$166,581.78
Special Revenue	3,905.47
Road Use	26,948.16
Water	29,006.69
Sewer	38,490.58
Solid Waste/IWC	11,681.62
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,647.39
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Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk