

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 5, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Presiding was Mayor Bradley A. Randolph with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Neal Boeding and Mark Lair present. Council Member Boeding participated via telephone. Council Members Travis Seidel and Jason Huppert were absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Lee County Emergency Management Director, Steve Cirinna, reported receiving a \$35,000 grant to update and combine the Keokuk, Fort Madison and Lee County Pre-disaster Mitigation plans. Currently each has a separate plan. The Lee County Board of Supervisors will be responsible for 15% match which could be done in-kind. Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission has been contracted to update the plan. The City will need to adopt the plan by resolution. Existing City projects will be included in the new plan.

Angie Sodey, Main Street President, introduced Amy Hull as the new Main Street Director.

AGENDA

Lair MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve the agenda.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Rink SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of February 5, 2013, as written;
- Mayor's appointment of Charles Ford, 3027 Avenue L, to the Old Fort Commission, term expiring March 21, 2016;
- Mayor's appointment of Amy Hull, 2140 Highway 61, to the Fort Madison Revolving Loan Fund Committee, term expiring December 31, 2015;
- Liquor License Renewal: D. J.'s China Buffet, 1001 Avenue H, effective March 1, 2013 – Class B Beer Permit with Sunday Sales;
- New Cigarette License: Dollar General #2194, 4809 Avenue O, effective February 20, 2013 to June 30, 2013;

- Resolution No. 2013-11, granting application for an URTEC to Cody W. Counts and Brenda M. Westfall for property located at 2111 Avenue J; and
- Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Concerning Public Improvement Project 2012-07, Avenue E 17th to 18th Water Main Replacement

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. As there were no oral or written comments, Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12, ADOPT PLANS, SPECS, CONTRACT: Lair MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications, and form of contract for the project.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of February, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13, AWARD CONTRACT: Lair MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve a resolution awarding construction contract for the project to Fye Excavating, Inc. of Sperry, Iowa in the amount of \$88,346.54.

Larry Driscoll, Public Works Director, stated the water main will be completed before RAGBRAI and the street project will begin after Rodeo. Lair expressed concern regarding the front yards being torn up for so long. Driscoll said this will be addressed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of February, 2013.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14, APPROVE CONTRACT, BONDS: Rink MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving contract and bonds of Fye Excavating, Inc., pending receipt of the documents.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of February, 2013.

Concerning Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan.

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. As there were no oral or written comments, Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15, AMENDMENT NO. 1, DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN: Greenwald MOVED and Lair SECONDED to approve a resolution determining an area of the City to be a blighted area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Amendment No. 1 to the Downtown Urban Renewal Plan.

Lair asked why the north boundary of the area was uneven. Smith said the attorneys preparing the plan did not want to include residential property.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of February, 2013.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16, SRTS GRANT APPLICATION FOR LINCOLN & FMHS:

Rink MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve a resolution authorizing a Safe Routes to School Grant application for sidewalk improvements around Lincoln Elementary and Fort Madison High School.

The City had received a SRTS grant previously to install sidewalks and ADA ramps in the Richardson School area. This grant would target the areas around Lincoln School and also be tied into sidewalk improvement around Fort Madison Community High School. The grant would be approximately \$70,000 with no match required.

Lair questioned if there would be an opportunity to apply for a grant for sidewalks on Avenue L between King Lynk Funeral Home and 48th Street. Smith said Congress authorized a new transportation bill which did away with the state portion of the grants. The City can still apply but would now be competing for the grants on a regional basis.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Boeding, Lair
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of February, 2013.

OTHER

APPROVE FY 2013/14 BUDGET, SET PUBLIC HEARING: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and setting Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. as date and time of public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH IDOT: Lair MOVED and Greenwald 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 2012-09, Reconstruction of Avenue E from 15th to 18th Street.

MOTION PASSED 5 AYES

DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE: Smith handed out a list of suggestions he has received for projects to the Council and reported Driscoll has been

reviewing the input received at the public meetings and also has been inspecting the City's streets. Some projects that have been proposed are:

1. Mill or overlay on 16th Street: This was well supported. Driscoll has proposed doing this project with a combination of City crews and the contractors. City workers can do a lot of the hauling and initial work and can lay asphalt. The cost is estimated at \$130,000 and staff labor is included in that cost so this would actually be less as staff labor would be out-of-pocket.
2. Ave B between 16 and 18th: Another overlay project.
3. 24th Street from Avenue A to Avenue I: Total reconstruction.
4. 15th Street from Avenue B to Ridgewood: Total reconstruction.

As it concerns the proposed 15th Street Avenue B to Ridgewood project, Lair questioned if 15th Street could be widened or a truck lane be added. Smith said this would make it a much larger project. It is being looked at to add a sidewalk on one side and eventually connect it to Rodeo Park. Any millings would be stockpiled for the City's use

The Tri-State Rodeo is also interested in improving or replacing the old shower house on Scenic Drive.

Smith said PSBA is working to provide estimates for the projects. It was questioned about setting weight restrictions in order to minimize truck traffic if the City is going to invest money into the streets.

Lair said a group of citizens formed to redo the Lincoln School playground. Smith has been contacted by a member of the PTO. This could be considered if the bond issue went forward. He said school playgrounds take the load off of the City's parks and could be considered.

Smith said this isn't the complete proposal of projects but wanted to make sure Council was still interested before going forward.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Rink said a resident from the Victory Park area wanted an additional security light installed and was concerned with the shutoff times on the tennis court lights. Police Chief Niggemeyer introduced Benjamin Cory Brown as the newest member of the police department.

CLOSED SESSION

Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to go into Closed Session to evaluate an employee pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Council recessed for five minutes at 7:45 P.M. to allow staff and visitors to exit Council Chambers. At 7:50 P.M., Council went into closed session.

Wright left at 9:05 P.M.

With no action taken, at 9:14 P.M., Lair MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to come out of Closed Session.

MOTION PASSED 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 P.M., Boeding MOVED and Lair SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated February 14, 2013, in the amount of 247,078.98.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 8, 2013</u>
General	\$138,521.94
RSVP	1,256.41
Old Fort	1,991.76
Road Use	20,964.70
Water	35,945.98
Sewer	29,915.62
Solid Waste	15,646.66
Storm Water	<u>2,747.13</u>
	\$246,990.20

Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

