

MINUTES FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, December 2, 2014

The Fort Madison City Council met at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, for a Work Session at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Travis Seidel, Jason Huppert and Chad Cangas. Council Member Rusty Andrews was absent.

Tim Cutsforth and Jason Dohrmann, HR Green, presented an overview of the Highway 61/2 Rehab project.

At 7:10 P.M. Mayor Randolph called a five minute recess.

At 7:15 P.M., Mayor Randolph reconvened the meeting and began the regular meeting of the City Council.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

There were no visitors.

AGENDA

Rink MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Seidel MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve:

- Minutes of November 18, 2014, as written;
- Resolution No. 2014-74 granting application for URTED to Kelly L Heagy, Joseph C and Natasha A Dobbs for property located at 418 – 15th Street;
- Mayor's reappointment of Larry Kelch and Jason Samples to the Fort Madison Revolving Loan Fund Loan Committee, terms expiring December 31, 2017;
- Setting public hearing for December 16, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. on amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 19, Off Street Parking and Loading, Section 2(A)(2), Section 3(G)(2) and Section 5(H); and
- Payment of Claims.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. D-023: Cangas MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 5, entitled “Public Library” to update the location of the library.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Seidel, Huppert, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Ordinance PASSED AND APPROVED on it’s third reading this 2nd day of December, 2014.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-75, STP APPLICATION 6-10TH STREETS: Greenwald MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Regional Transportation STP funds for the Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 between 6th and 10th Streets.

Public Works Director Driscoll said the City has been previously awarded an STP grant for the 2nd to 6th Street portion of old Highway 61. This application is for a \$1 million grant for the 6th through 10th Street Hwy. 61/2 Rehab project. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2 million. STP grants are normally only require a 25% match but by asking for a 50% match the project will be awarded more points in the review process. If awarded, the project would begin in 2019.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Seidel, Huppert, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 2nd day of December, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-76, TAP GRANT APPLICATION FOR PORT TRAIL: Cangas MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to authorize application for the Iowa Department of Transportation TAP Grant Program to construct 2,750 feet of trail for the PORT Trail System Phase 2 – Ivanhoe Park to 48th Street.

Driscoll said this is the second phase of the project and will run a trail from the northwest corner of Ivanhoe Park to 48th Street. Due to the wetlands there, the project cost is \$500,000. PORT is continuing to fundraise to pay for these projects.

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ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Seidel, Huppert, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 2nd day of December, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-77, APPOINT VARLEY TO SEIRPC BOARD: Wright MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to approve a resolution naming David Varley to the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors, term expiring January 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Seidel, Huppert, Cangas
 NAYES:

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 2nd day of December, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-78, JOIN SASSO: Seidel MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adopt a resolution to join the Southeast Iowa Area Safety and Support Organization (SASSO) and naming delegates.

City Manager David Varley said this is a regional group that will provide discounts on safety training for public works employees. Driscoll said the City is not in compliance with safety training in several areas and this will bring the City into compliance.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Seidel, Huppert, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 6-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 2nd day of December, 2014.

OTHER

PURCHASE 1730 AVENUE H: Seidel MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve the Mayor and Clerk's signatures on a contract for the purchase of property located at 1730 Avenue H in the amount of \$105,000.

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The property was placed up for auction and there were no acceptable bids. The property previously had been listed for sale for \$225,000. Since the City would need this property for the proposed Highway 61 Rehabilitation plan, Driscoll said it made sense to purchase this property now. A price of \$105,000 was negotiated. If the project falls through, the property can be sold later. Although it would be four years before the property was needed for the rehab of that segment, Driscoll said there are some persons who might be interested in renting the property or the City could use it to store vehicles and equipment which is currently stored outside.

Driscoll said the City is committed to the highway project unless Council wants to reject a \$600,000 grant that was received for the rehab of 2nd through 6th Street. Tonight's agenda also included approval of an application for a grant for 6th to 10th Street of the project.

Of the entire proposed project, Greenwald felt everyone could agree this was a problem area. Huppert suggested buying a corner of the property. Driscoll said the plan the turn lane would be five feet from the existing building.

City Attorney Robert Johnson said the eminent domain process is lengthy and costly. The City would have to pay fair market value for the property.

Huppert said even with the money from the DOT the City is still short of what it will take to do this project. He questioned why this property has to be purchased now. Greenwald said the property is available now and in his opinion this one intersection needs to be done whether the City does anything else. Seidel agreed that even if nothing is done with the rest of the highway, this intersection should be done. He added that the City is wasting several thousand dollars every year by leaving equipment sit outside. Greenwald and Seidel said they were in favor of the purchase but were not saying yes to the project.

Randolph said the \$13 million from IDOT was for total rehabilitation from 2nd to 20th Streets. He thought the entire highway should benefit. Greenwald said if the project is not done the money will not be there in 5-10 years.

Huppert asked how will the highway be fixed in 20 years when the money is gone? He wanted to spend the interest until the tax base increases. Randolph felt people look for new things such as parks, trails and nice roads and want the city to be able to provide these things.

**MOTION FAILED 3-3
NAYES: RINK, HUPPERT, CANGAS**

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT PORT TRAIL – PHASE 1: Seidel MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approval the Mayor’s signature on an Agreement for Services with Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates for engineering design and construction services for PORT Trail System Phase 1 – Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

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CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES, SW SEWER EXPANSION: Rink MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve the Mayor’s signature on an Agreement for Services with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services for PIP 2014-03, Southwest Sewer Expansion.

Driscoll said City staff will do most of the inspections and Stanley will handle the inspections at the major points of the project.

MOTION PASSED 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Varley said a public hearing was held yesterday at the Comfort Inn regarding a pipeline that is proposed to run through Lee County. A ruling should be available by the end of 2015.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Cangas was named as Council Liaison to the Library Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 P.M., Wright MOVED and Seidel SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Library Claims dated November 19, 2014, in the amount of \$5,827.88 and Claims dated November 26, 2014, in the amount of \$177,753.97.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>11/26/2014</u>
General	\$164,570.55
Old Fort	2,423.96
Road Use	16,822.30
Hotel/Motel	1,344.87

Water	27,834.50
Sewer	34,799.72
Solid Waste	20,338.52
Storm Water	3,126.89
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Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk