

**MINUTES
FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Chris Greenwald, Brian Wright, Kevin Rink, Rusty Andrews and Chad Cangas. Council Members Travis Seidel and Jason Huppert were absent.

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Andy Andrews, 2020 Avenue G, reported Friends of Old Fort Madison have raised \$27,027 for the purchase of the battlefield site. He said the original intent of the fundraising was to assist the Old Fort with repairs and needed items. Friends of Old Fort Madison would like to ask the Council for money at the March 17 Council meeting.

AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Greenwald MOVED and Cangas SECONDED to approve:

- ♦ Minutes of February 17, 2015, as written; and
- ♦ Payment of Claims.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

The Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Mayor Randolph opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There were no oral or written comments.

At 7:11 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to close the public hearing.

MOTION PASSED 5-0

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11, ADOPT FY 2015-16 BUDGET: Rink MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget, and directing the appropriate filings be made as required by law.

City Manager David Varley reported the budget is balanced with expenditures will equal to or less than revenues. The property tax levy has been reduced in part because the state changed the rollback and properties will be taxed at a higher valuation. Fund balances need to be raised and maintenance and repair items are underfunded. In early 2016 Catfish Bend’s monthly \$25,000 payment for lease of the boat dock will be ending.

- ❖ Road Use fund receive an increase due to the recent 10 cent gas tax increase.
- ❖ Water Fund balance has been low over the past years but is climbing back up. The reserve should be higher than it is.
- ❖ Wastewater has a fund balance of \$300,000. A multi-year \$13-15 million treatment plant rehabilitation project will begin.
- ❖ Public Works Projects: Rehabilitation of 2200-2400 Avenue E.
- ❖ Sales Tax fund is doing well but Varley advised caution.
- ❖ \$6 Quality of Life Bond will fund 15th Street from Ave B to Old Denmark Road. There will be approximately \$838,000 following that project. Some additional work will be done in the parks.
- ❖ Hwy 61/2 engineering work will continue.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 3rd day of March, 2015.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12, SET P.H. PIP 2015-02: Wright MOVED and Greenwald SECONDED to approve a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2015-02, 5th & 6th Street CSO – Phase 2.

Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the cost is estimated to be \$127,000.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 3rd day of March, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13, SET P.H. PIP 2014-02: Rink MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve a resolution ordering construction, setting public hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2014-02, Reconstruction of 24th Street – Avenue A to Avenue E.

Driscoll said a walking path will be striped on both sides of the street instead of sidewalks. There will be no parking on either side of the street. Notice was sent regarding the project and approximately 50-60 people attended a meeting. No one spoke in opposition. Construction will begin in late April-early May and will be finished before the Avenue E project begins. Driscoll will work with property owners who will be inconvenienced by lack of vehicle access during construction.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Mayor then declared said Resolution ADOPTED AND ENACTED on this 3rd day of March, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14, RESCISSION & RELEASE, ENERGY LOAN: Greenwald MOVED and Wright SECONDED to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk’s signatures on a Mutual Rescission and Release Agreement by and between the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Iowa Finance Authority

Varley said the City had previously approved an Energy Loan for lighting improvements to City Hall, CB&Q Depot and Central, Old Settlers and Riverview Parks. In looking further at the costs of the project, it would be more cost effective to budget to perform these projects over five years and not borrow the money.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Cangas
 NAYES: None

MOTION PASSED 5-0

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OTHER – No items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – There were no Discussion Items.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Finance Director Steffensmeier reported she has been getting good reviews regarding our new group insurance manager. They have assisted four to five employees with claims. Driscoll said the dredging is 25% done at the marina. He believed the marina could be reopened by April 30. Lee County would like to add City sewer to their new building and this will result in a change order for the Southwest Sewer Expansion project.

PRESENTATIONS BY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Planning & Zoning Commission approved a parking variance for Frantz Community Investors' project. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool loss control representative has made recommendations after a recent site visit. Great River Regional Waste Authority reported 27% improved compaction since purchasing the grinder. This will add three years of life to the current cell. Viking Cruise Lines announced they will begin Mississippi River cruises. They have been in contact with Hall Towing regarding a loading and offloading barge. The United Way was awarded the RSVP grant.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 P.M., Cangas MOVED and Wright SECONDED to adjourn until Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL

MANUAL CLAIMS AND WARRANTS: See Claims dated February 26, 2015, in the amount of \$1,523,209.09 and Library Claims dated February 19, 2015, in the amount of \$7,438.05.

<u>PAYROLL</u>	<u>2/20/2015</u>
General	\$158,661.51
RSVP	841.12
Old Fort	2,428.51
Road Use	18,154.42
Hotel/Motel	1,344.87
Water	27,513.05
Sewer	35,276.71
Solid Waste	21,974.80
Storm Water	689.76
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	\$266,884.75

Mayor Bradley A. Randolph
City of Fort Madison

ATTEST:

Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk