

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 22, 2021

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session in the Convention Hall of the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Boyer presiding. Members present: Gandy, Halley, Rasmussen, Flournoy, Ham and Anderson. Absent: Twohill.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Flournoy

**TO STRIKE THE TITLE OF CHAIRPERSON
FROM TERRY COCHRAN OF THE PARK
AND REC ADVISORY BOARD IN THE MARCH
8, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES.**

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Anderson, Gandy, Rasmussen, Halley and Ham

NAY: Flournoy

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8,
2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**TO APPROVE THE MARCH 19, 2021 PAYROLL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,879.93.**

**TO APPROVE A NOISE EXEMPTION FOR THE
PARK USE PERMIT FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ON APRIL 4, 2021.**

**TO ACCEPT THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND
INCLUSION COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

TO ACCEPT THE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES.

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3928 APPROVING
EMPLOYMENT IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3929 APPROVING
A PROMOTION IN THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3930 APPROVING
EMPLOYMENT IN THE PARK & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FAIRFIELD
FAST & FRESH.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FAIRFIELD
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE
WALTON CLUB (OWNERSHIP).**

**TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$154,391.80**

PUBLIC FORUM / APPEARANCES

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time set for a public hearing on the matter of the mask policy at the Recreation Center. Thirty minutes total will be allotted for the public hearing; fifteen minutes each for pro-mask speakers and no-mask speakers, limiting each individual speaker to three minutes. Several pro-mask emails were received by the Mayor, City Council and the City Administrator advising they preferred not to attend a meeting where others without masks may be present.

Ed Hipp, 602 S 3rd Street; John Salerno, 2153 185th St.; Robert Herron, lives on MIU Campus; Janet Evertsen, 501 N Main Street; Brad Fregger, 2050 Ruby Lane; and Virginia Legunes, 503 W Carpenter Avenue spoke against masks in general.

Carol Olicker, 209 N 9th Street; Dr. David Sands, 107 Full Moon Lane; Chris Lassota, 1919 Gear Avenue spoke in favor of masks at the Recreation Center.

Motion by Flournoy

**TO ALTER THE RULES AND ALLOW AN
ADDITIONAL SPEAKER.**

MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Flournoy

**TO MODIFY THE CURRENT MASK POLICY
AT THE RECREATION CENTER BY ALLOWING
PATRONS TO BE MASK FREE WHILE WORKING
OUT AND REQUIRE MASKS ONLY WHILE IN
TRANSITION THROUGH THE CENTER.**

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Anderson, Gandy, Halley, Ham and Rasmussen

NAY: Flournoy

**TO UPHOLD THE MASK POLICY SET BY THE
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.**

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Anderson, Ham and Halley

**TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF SOUTH
32ND STREET RESURFACING PROJECT TO
NORRIS ASPHALT OF OTTUMWA, IOWA
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$721,327.48.**

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Ham

AYES: Anderson, Ham, Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen and Halley

**TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF NORTH
4TH STREET RESURFACING PROJECT TO
NORRIS ASPHALT OF OTTUMWA, IOWA
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$490,628.35.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham, Halley and Anderson

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3931
ACCEPTING NORTH CAMPUS VILLAGE
PHASE SIX (6) INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time scheduled for the public hearing for consideration of the nuisance abatement schedule of assessments. Two written objections were submitted.

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flourney, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham, Halley and Anderson

**TO WAIVE THE CHARGES AND ASSESSMENT
FROM 1502 DOGWOOD DRIVE.**

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Flourney, Rasmussen, Ham, Gandy, Halley and Anderson

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3932
APPROVING THE NUISANCE ABATEMENT
SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.**

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Anderson

AYES: Flourney, Anderson, Halley, Ham, Gandy and Rasmussen

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3933
APPROVING THE TAX ABATEMENT
APPLICATION FOR 2805 W BURLINGTON
AVENUE (CRANSTON).**

Moved by Flourney, seconded by Anderson

AYES: Flourney, Anderson, Halley, Ham, Gandy and Rasmussen

**TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 5
FOR THE SANITARY SEWER STEP 2
PROJECT.**

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time scheduled for the public hearing for consideration of the Capital Assets / Improvement Plan. There were no written or verbal objections, so Mayor Boyer declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Halley

**TO REMOVE FUTURE FISCAL YEARS
REFERENCED FOR FUNDING OF MAINTENANCE
OF THE FAIRFIELD ARTS AND CONVENTION**

**CENTER FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN.**

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Anderson, Ham and Rasmussen

NAY: Halley

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3934
APPROVING THE CAPITAL ASSETS /
IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.**

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time scheduled for the public hearing for consideration on the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget. There were no written or verbal objections, so Mayor Boyer declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham and Anderson

NAY: Halley

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3935
APPROVING THE FY22 BUDGET.**

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Boyer wanted to convey complimentary comments she had received of City personnel.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Councilperson Halley spoke on the proposed Lamson Woods Management Plan approved by the Arbor Committee at their March 8, 2021 meeting.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Ham

AYES: Halley, Ham, Rasmussen, Anderson, Gandy and Flournoy

**TO AUTHORIZE THE ARBOR COMMITTEE
TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER PRESENTATION
OF THE PLAN FOR APPROVAL WITH OTHER
ASSOCIATED BOARDS/COMMITTEES.**

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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Chair Anderson stated the Committee met and received an update on the hiring process and approach to upcoming employment development.

ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker reported he had attended the IMMI conference in Iowa City and appreciated Council's support in allowing him to participate.

City Engineer Melanie Carlson provided Council with a project update.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Ham

AYES: Anderson, Ham, Rasmussen, Gandy, Halley, and Flournoy

TO ADJOURN AT 8:38 P.M.

Submitted by:

Rebekah Loper
City Clerk