

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Boyer presiding. Members present were: Gandy, Halley, Flournoy, Rasmussen and Ham. Absent: Anderson and Twohill.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Ham, Halley and Rasmussen

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 2021 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 28, 2021 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,613.80.**

**TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 SPECIAL PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,808.66.**

**TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2021 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,850.35.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4008 AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS.**

**TO APPROVE USDA STEP I DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,950.00 (OCT. & NOV.).**

**TO APPROVE USDA WWTP DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,590.00 (OCT. & NOV.).**

**TO APPROVE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COUNTY CERTIFICATIONS OF WEST INDUSTRIAL & LINCOLN AVENUE TIF DISTRICTS.**

**TO ACCEPT THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2021, JULY 12, 2021, AUGUST 9, 2021, AUGUST 23, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.**

**TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2021.**

**TO ACCEPT THE ARBOR COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2021.**

**TO ACCEPT THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2021.**

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4009 APPROVING EMPLOYMENT IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LUNCHBOX.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LA HACIENDA DE MARIJO.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FLAMINGO LANES.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HY-VEE C-STORE.**

**TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FAIRFIELD ARTS & CONVENTION CENTER.**

**TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$949,307.69.**

Mayor Boyer took a moment to present to Councilperson Michael Halley a plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the City of Fairfield; thanking him for his involvement, contributions, and the commitment he has provided the community.

PUBLIC FORUM / APPEARANCES

Ray Griffin appeared before Council to voice his frustration of clogged storm sewers while hydrant flushing is being done.

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Moved by Ham, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Ham, Flournoy, Halley, Rasmussen and Gandy

**TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF MCCLURE ENGINEERING; AWARDED THE AEROBIC DIGESTER #1 REPLACEMENT BID TO WRH., INC. OF AMANA, IA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$785,000.**

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Halley and Ham

**TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE  
ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH FRENCH RENEKER ASSOCIATES  
FOR THE HMA RESURFACING OF GRAND  
PARK DRIVE.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Flournoy, Rasmussen, Halley, Ham and Gandy

**TO APPROVE AN ENGINEERING/  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES P.C.  
FOR THE LIBRARY HVAC CONTROLS  
REPLACEMENT.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Halley

AYES: Flournoy, Halley, Gandy, Ham and Rasmussen

**TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
REDISTRICTING WARDS FOR  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021  
AT 5:00 PM.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham and Halley

**TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REGARDING  
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO  
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)  
FUNDS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 27,  
2021 AT 5:00 PM.**

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Ham

AYES: Gandy, Ham, Halley, Flournoy and Rasmussen

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4010  
APPROVING VOLUNTARY LAND ACQUISITION  
OF EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY 1 PROJECT.**

Moved by Ham, seconded by Rasmussen

AYES: Ham, Rasmussen, Gandy, Flournoy and Halley

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4011  
DIRECTING ALLIANT ENERGY TO  
INSTALL A STREET LIGHT AT PRAIRIE  
LAKES DRIVE & WALTON ROAD.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham and Halley

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4012  
APPROVING A TAX ABATEMENT  
APPLICATION FOR 53-55 E BROADWAY  
AVENUE (CAREY).**

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Halley and Ham

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4013  
APPROVING A TAX ABATEMENT  
APPLICATION FOR 506 SOUTH 3<sup>RD</sup>  
STREET (CAREY).**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Ham and Halley

**TO WAIVE THE FIRST AND SECOND  
READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1207  
ESTABLISHING EV CHARGING STATION  
FEES.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Ham

AYES: Flournoy, Ham, Gandy, Rasmussen and Halley

**TO PASS THROUGH THE THIRD AND FINAL  
READING OF ORDINANCE 1207  
ESTABLISHING EV CHARGING STATION  
FEES.**

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Boyer reported she would like the Resolution recently presented by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee on the first meeting in January and also spoke of several behind the scenes mental health discussion meetings held between various organizations.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Morrissey apprised Council that Mr. Sorflaten, whom came before Council requesting changes to mowing and vegetation regulations, has posted a forum / dance party event to change City Code. Mr. Morrissey cautioned it may be perceived Fairfield City Council has promoted the event, although this isn't the case.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Water and Sewer Utilities Committee met prior to Council; Councilperson Halley reported on their behalf. Three items were on the agenda; a reimbursement request for repairs at 1011 N 12<sup>th</sup> St. were discussed; a sewer reduction request for 600 W Broadway is being recommended to deny; and a sewer reduction request for 400 Highland St. is being recommended to be approved.

Moved by Halley, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Halley, Flournoy, Ham, Rasmussen and Gandy

**TO DENY A SEWER REDUCTION REQUEST  
FOR 600 W BROADWAY AVENUE.**

Moved by Halley, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Halley, Flournoy, Ham, Rasmussen and Gandy

**TO APPROVE A SEWER REDUCTION REQUEST  
400 HIGHLAND STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$748.12.**

ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker reported he had received the City's current bond rating from Moody's and stated the necessity of a Ways and Means Committee meeting to discuss ARPA funds and possibly of purchasing new chairs, IPADs and microphones for the Council Chambers with re-apportioned Local Option Sales Tax funds.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Rasmussen, Halley and Ham

**TO DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
CREATE A PROPOSAL OF UPGRADES  
FOR COUNCIL / COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AND COSTS.**

City Engineer Melanie Carlson updated Council of the recent Fire Station Task Force which included a draft site plan and cost estimates. She then presented a project update highlighting several projects and enlightening Council on the potential loss of the EV Charging Station Grant due to lack of response from the contractor; she stated she will keep them informed of the progress.

Councilperson Michael Halley spoke of his soon-to-be departure from Council and Fairfield; he's proud of his accomplishments over the past twelve years, with work on several projects including the Quiet Zone, EV charging station and Central Park dining. He also wanted to express his appreciation to everyone for the support they have given him and his heart will always be with Fairfield. Councilmembers Flournoy, Rasmussen, Gandy and Ham all wished him well, thanking him for his contributions, leadership and community involvement, and let him know he will be missed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ham, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Ham, Flournoy, Rasmussen, Gandy and Halley

**TO ADJOURN AT 8:16 P.M.**

Submitted by:

Rebekah Loper  
City Clerk