

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 25, 2022

The Fairfield City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Boyer presiding. Members present were: Gandy, Estey, Flournoy, Rasmussen Twohill and Ham. Absent: Anderson.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Gandy, Twohill, Ham, Flournoy, Estey and Rasmussen

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2022 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2022 PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,810.09.

TO APPROVE THE MARCH FINANCE REPORT AND TRANSFERS.

TO ACCEPT THE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES.

TO ACCEPT THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY & MARCH.

TO ACCEPT THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES.

TO CONSENT OF PARK USE PERMIT FOR LIVE ON THE SQUARE (NOISE EXEMPTION) FROM 7:00 PM TO 10:00 PM ON JUNE 25, JULY 16, JULY 30, AUGUST 20 (AS AMENDED), AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2022.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4052 APPROVING EMPLOYMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4053 APPROVING EMPLOYMENT IN THE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CASEY'S GENERAL STORE #3327.

TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR VETERANS CLUB.

**TO APPROVE OPERATING CLAIMS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$425,727.51.**

PUBLIC FORUM / APPEARANCES

Lindsay Bauer, Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, approached Council to block Main Street in front of the Center on June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18 for the upcoming outdoor concert series. Ms. Bauer is requesting to begin closing the street at noon and anticipates opening it back up by 10 PM.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Ham

AYES: Gandy, Ham, Flournoy, Estey, Twohill and Rasmussen

**TO ALLOW FACC TO CLOSE THE 200 BLOCK OF
MAIN STREET BEGINNING AT NOON UNTIL
10 PM ON JUNE 9, JUNE 23, JULY 7, JULY 21,
AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 18, 2022.**

Matthew Welcher with Power Wagon Reunion approached Council regarding closing off streets for the annual parade and rally on Saturday, June 11, 2022. He is requesting to begin blocking off the area around the square the evening of Friday, June 10th.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Rasmussen, Ham, Gandy and Estey

**TO APPROVE THE POWER WAGON REUNION
PARADE AND RALLY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH,
WITH STREETS BLOCKED OFF BEGINNING THE
EVENING OF FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Estey

AYES: Flournoy, Estey, Ham, Rasmussen, Twohill and Gandy

**TO APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF PARKING SPACES
IN FRONT OF FACC (200 N MAIN ST.) ON MAY
9, 2022 FROM 8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM TO BE USED
BY EXHIBITS OF THE STEAM FAIR.**

Janice Peterson approached Council regarding a letter she received directing her to connect to City water.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Estey, Twohill, Ham and Rasmussen

**TO REFER THE ISSUE TO THE WATER & SEWER
UTILITIES COMMITTEE.**

RESOLUTIONS, ACTION ITEMS & ORDINANCES

Moved by Twohill, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Twohill, Flournoy, Gandy, Estey, Rasmussen and Ham

**TO ACCEPT MERRILL & CARPENTER RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT AS FINAL.**

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Flournoy, Rasmussen, Gandy, Twohill, Estey and Ham

**TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED STREET
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR MONDAY, MAY
9, 2022 AT 7:00 PM.**

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Ham, Rasmussen, Estey and Twohill

**TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4054 AUTHORIZING
CARNEGIE FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION.**

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time set for the public hearing on the first reading of an ordinance providing for the implementation of an electric franchise fee. There were no verbal or written objections so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Twohill

AYES: Flournoy, Twohill, Gandy, Rasmussen, Estey and Ham

**TO PASS THROUGH FIRST TO SECOND
READING OF ORDINANCE 1209 IMPLEMENTING
AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE FEE.**

Mayor Boyer announced this was the date and time set for the public hearing on the first reading of an ordinance providing for the implementation of a natural gas franchise fee. There were no verbal or written objections so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Flournoy, seconded by Gandy

AYES: Flournoy, Gandy, Ham, Rasmussen, Estey and Twohill

**TO PASS THROUGH FIRST TO SECOND
READING OF ORDINANCE 1210 IMPLEMENTING
A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE FEE.**

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Boyer asked for Council approval of appointing Sam Humble to replace Terry Cochran on the Park & Recreation Advisory Board.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Ham

AYES: Gandy, Ham, Twohill, Rasmussen, Estey and Flournoy

**TO APPROVE APPOINTING SAM HUMBLE
TO THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD TO REPLACE TERRY COCHRAN.**

Mayor Boyer proclaimed May 1 through May 7 as Nation Tourism Week and commended Terry Baker of the Convention & Visitors Bureau for receiving Outstanding Promotional Material award at the Iowa Tourism Conference held last week. Mayor recognized Officer Hackbarth for completing his first year with the City and also Officer Phillip Smith for completing his training at ILEA.

COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS

Personnel Committee chair Ham reported the Committee had met in closed session regarding an employee review and will need additional to complete.

ADMINISTRATOR & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Administrator Aaron Kooiker reported he had been attending the Board of Supervisors meetings and working on several nuisance properties.

CLOSED SESSION – IOWA CODE 21.5 (c)

Moved by Twohill, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Twohill, Flournoy, Gandy, Estey, Rasmussen and Ham

TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:31 P.M.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Rasmussen, Flournoy, Estey, Twohill, Ham and Gandy

TO ENTER BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 8:39 P.M.

Moved by Gandy, seconded by Flournoy

AYES: Gandy, Flournoy, Ham, Rasmussen, Twohill and Estey

**TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED
AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Twohill, seconded by Estey

AYES: Twohill, Estey, Gandy, Flournoy, Ham and Rasmussen

TO ADJOURN AT 8:39 P.M.

Submitted by:

Rebekah Loper
City Clerk