

August 5, 2014

To: Mayor Bemrich and City Council

From: Jim Vollmer, Human Resource Director

Subject: Amending the Number of Trustees for the Blanden Memorial Board

ACTION: For vote Monday August 11, 2014

Brief History

The former director of the Blanden retired July 6th, 2014. A board meeting was held the following Tuesday to discuss the immediate concerns to continue operations and assure employees that all scheduled events were expected to continue. A second meeting was held two weeks later to discuss a variety of items to enable the Trustees to have a fuller understanding of current operations and standing at the Blanden Museum.

Analysis of Issue

At the meeting on July 22, 2014, one of the agenda items was a discussion regarding the role of the Board of Trustees and their operation going forward. One of the items discussed was the number of board members required by city ordinance. Currently, the ordinance requires nine members to be appointed to the board of trustees. This requires at least five members to be present to have a quorum present to do business. There are currently six appointed members meaning that for all practical purposes, all six need to be there with no absences in order to conduct business.

Board members discussed how many members were present on other boards. As a general finding, most boards and commission have between five and seven members. No one could think of another board with nine. The trustees felt that nine was too large and made discussion and decision making overly difficult. As a result, the trustees requested that the ordinance be amended to have a board of seven trustees.

I would ask that the Council consider waiving the second and third reading of this ordinance amendment.

Budget Impact

There is no budgetary impact.

Strategic Plan Impact

Comprehensive Plan Impact

Subcommittee or Commission Review / Recommendation

Staff Conclusions / Recommendations

The Human Resource Director and the City Manager recommend the change in the number of trustees from nine to seven.

Alternatives


Continue with the status quo which may curtail the ability of the trustees to achieve a quorum and conduct business.

Implementation and Accountability

The Human Resource Director and the City Manager will implement.

Signed

Approved

 8-5-14
James Vollmer
Human Resource Director

David R. Fierke
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL ART MUSEUM ORDINANCE NO. 1758, AN AMEMDMENT RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL ART MUSEUM ORDINANCE AND THE BOARD OF ART TRUSTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FORT DODGE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 2.60.020 of Ordinance No. 1758 is amended to read as follows:

" The mayor of the city shall, by, and with the approval of the city council, appoint a board of art trustees, consisting of seven members who shall hold office as follows: One shall hold office until July 1, 1990; two until July 1, 1991; one until July 1, 1992; two until July 1, 1993; one until July 1, 1994. From and after the expiration of appointments made in accordance with this section, all appointments shall be for a term of six years each, except to fill vacancies."

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect following passage, approval and publication as by law provided.

The above Ordinance passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

First consideration _____ day of _____, 2014

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

Second consideration _____ day of _____, 2014.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

Third consideration _____ day of _____, 2014.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Other: _____

Attest:

Jeff Nemmers, City Clerk

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