

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – December 17, 2015

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, December 17, 2015, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Diana Broderson was sworn in by Judge Tom Reidel.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager swore in Councilmembers Santos Saucedo, Tom Spread, Allen Harvey, and Philip Fitzgerald.

Mayor Hopkins then swore in Police Officers Casey Jensen, Britt Jameson, Dixie Cruz, and Angela Shoultz.

#23240. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of Regular City Council Minutes for December 3, 2015 and In-Depth City Council Minutes for December 10, 2015
- Renewal of a Class “C” Beer/Wine Permit for Boonie’s On The Avenue, 5901 – US-61 – Boonie’s On The Avenue LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for West Side Store, 2201 Houser Street – DJMB LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Fast Avenue One Stop, 2111 Park Avenue – BGA LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Flaming Embers, 131 West 2nd Street – Flaming Ember Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Las Lomas, 1519 Park Avenue – Juan Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for GM Food Mart, 1127 Ripley Court – Nanak Express LLC (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Hong Kong Buffet, 2406 Park Avenue – Hong Kong Buffet Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Approval of request from Muscatine Farmer’s Market for use of city property for Farmers Market 2016 from May 7, 2016 through October 29, 2016
- Appointment of Jarod Johnson to the Library Board of Trustees
- Proclamation Declaring January 28, 2016 as “Healthy Sack Lunch Day”
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,645,901.03

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23241. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved the resolution be adopted awarding the contract for the Electrical Upgrade Project at the Municipal Airport to Voltmer Inc. in the amount of \$39,269. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23242. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the vacation of a right-of-way remnant in the City of Muscatine for Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23243. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs and unpaid rental inspection fees to private properties in the amount of \$13,983.70. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23244. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Jurisdiction Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa Byways signage installation and maintenance. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#23245. Councilmember Spread moved to enter a Professional Services Agreement with Lutz Engineering & Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for final design of the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23246. Councilmember Natvig moved to enter a Professional Services Agreement with Impact G-7 in the amount of \$230,000 for the Grandview Avenue NEPA Clearance. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig thanked the outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor for their years of dedicated service to the City of Muscatine.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated he wanted to express his gratitude to the city for putting up with him for the last 12 years. He also thanked the city employees for all the help they had given him. He stated it has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the community. He stated he would come back and visit periodically to ensure things are still on track. He ended by wishing the best of luck to everyone.

Councilmember Spread thanked Mayor Hopkins, Osama Shihadeh, and Jeanette Phillips for all the work they have done. He stated it had been a pleasure working with them.

City Administrator Mandsager echoed the comments made tonight stating it has been a pleasure and honor working with the outgoing Mayor and Council as well.

Mayor Hopkins stated that assisting in the running of the city is not necessarily an easy task even though the Mayor's responsibilities are not that many. He stated that over the last four years it has been an extreme honor to work with such highly qualified individuals, especially the City Administrator who in his opinion is one of the best ever. He stated City Administrator Mandsager is very forward thinking and that the city will go a long way with him at the helm. He stated it had been an honor to serve with City Council.

Councilmember Shihadeh then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The meeting ended with a presentation of a plaque to Councilmember Shihadeh from the Muscatine Police Department.

#23247. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaltd. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator