

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 8, 2018

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, November 8, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, and Fitzgerald.

The first item on the agenda pertaining to the Airport Apron Contract and Bond was pushed to a future City Council meeting.

Next was a request to approve the IDOT Mutual Benefit Sales Lease. Councilmember Harvey asked for an explanation for the lease. City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the lease will allow staff access to site until the sale is final. Councilmember Spread motioned to approve the IDOT Mutual Benefit Sales Lease. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent (Malcolm). Motion carried.

Next was a request to approve the IDNR Consent Order. Councilmember Fitzgerald motioned to approve the IDNR Consent Order. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: 6 ayes, 1 absent (Malcolm). Motion carried.

Next on the agenda Rich Dwyer, 3407 Clermont Dr, with the Kent Corporation came forward to present on the Kent TIF request. Mr. Dwyer explained the Kent Corporation acquired the hotel property in May 2018 and would like to use the property to increase office space, whether by converting the hotel or demolition and build new construction. Kent Corporation has been donating most of the equipment that was in the hotel to MCSA, MCC, Habitat for Humanity, and Goodwill. Mr. Dwyer mentioned the announcement of the Kent Provisions Food Group coming to Muscatine which will bring roughly 30 positions.

The City Council Members had further questions about the future use of the property which were answered by Mr. Dwyer.

There was a consensus among council to move forward.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on the High Strength Waste Receiving Project Bids. Jon Koch from Water Pollution Control Plant explained that the bids received for the project came in above the estimated amount by about 1.5 million. Mr. Koch then stated that the Recycling Center is now being considered as an alternative location and facility for the project which will be a major cost savings. Mr. Koch advised the City Council that he will be presenting a resolution the reject all bids and request approval for additional engineering at the next regular session City Council meeting.

There were questions from City Council Members that Mr. Koch addressed.

Last on the agenda was a presentation by Phil Sargent with the Muscatine Police Department regarding the proposed ATE Ordinance Changes which have been drafted by the City Attorney. Mr. Sargent stated that due to recent Iowa Supreme Court changes it is necessary to amend the City Code sections related to automated traffic enforcement. Municipal infractions will now have to be written for all unpaid ATE fines and the fee structure pertaining to the fines now needs to be amended.

There was discussion between council, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Mandsager regarding the changes to the structure and if there is to be an increase the fine amounts due to this change. Mr. Mandsager and Mr. Sargent explained the fine amounts will remain the same and anticipate a decrease in the over amount of fees collected.

Councilmember Brackett requested an update about the property at 500 Mulberry. Mr. Mandsager stated the inspection results were back and not much asbestos was found.

Councilmember Brackett also mentioned that he had not received an update on the swap, wanted to know why the surfacing issues at Curry's were not on the agenda per his request, and he commented that he would like to see the Traffic Committee has formal agendas and minutes. Mr. Mandsager answered all of Councilmember Brackett's concerns.

Councilmember Saucedo questioned whether there was a set date on the re-opening of 2nd Street yet. Mr. Mandsager stated he did not know of delay but would inquire with the City Engineer.

The City Council Members and Mr. Mandsager discussed setting a meeting for the Goal Setting Session. There was consensus to hold the meeting November 15, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Broderson stated that the guests on "Our City" this week would be Jason Miller with Special Olympics and Charla Schafer with Community Foundations.

Mayor Broderson also wished everyone a Happy Veterans' Day and 100th Armistice Day.

Mayor Broderson commented on the Symphony Orchestra tickets available and the Independent Film Festival occurring November 9-11, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator