

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Via Conference Call – 7:00 p.m. – April 16, 2020

This meeting was held electronically due to meeting regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday April 16, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Mayor Broderson Swore in new Police Officers Nicholas Popp, Mark Schollmeyer and Matt Wilkinson.

Mayor Broderson opened the meeting up to communications from citizens. There were no comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Froelich, Seconded by Councilmember Brackett, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Items 12 A-C: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval totaling \$3,105,106.93
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

Public Hearing A:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns amendment #1 to the FY 2019/2020 Budget. This will amend the budget to the revised estimated amounts considered by City Council during the 2020/2021 budget review process.

There were no public comments oral or written at this time.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to close this public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays -0, Motion carried.

Public Hearing B:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns adoption of the budget and certification of City taxes for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.

There were no public comments oral or written at this time.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close this public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Froelich

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

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Public Hearing C:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the plans, specifications, cost estimate and form of contract for the Municipal Airport Taxiway A Project.

There were no public comments oral or written at this time.

Councilmember Brockert moved to close this public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Public Hearing D:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the Annual Application for State and Federal transit Funds.

There were no public comments oral or written at this time.

Councilmember Gordon moved to close this public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Jindrich

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

From the City Administrator

Item 11A:

Councilmember Malcolm moved adopt on third and final reading, Ordinance #2020-0118, approving the vacation of Alley Right of Way in block 29 of the original town. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11B:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt on third and final reading, Ordinance #2020-0119, amending the rental housing code and relocating said code and other sections of the City code to a newly created Title 16-Rental Housing and Property Maintenance Regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11C:

Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0111, approving amendment #1 to the 2019/2020 City budget. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes- 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

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Item 11D:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0110, for the budget and certification of taxes for fiscal year 2020/2021. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11E:

Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0136, approving the plans, specifications, cost estimate and form of contract for the Municipal Airport Taxiway A Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11F:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0137, approving the annual application for State and Federal Transit Funds. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11G:

Councilmember Malcolm moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0132, conveying vacated right of way to HNI. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11H:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0133, conveying vacated right of way to Anita Dekock LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11I:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0138, authorizing and approving a loan agreement, providing for the sale and issuance of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds series 2020 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11J:

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0139, authorizing the assessment of unpaid nuisance abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11K:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0140, accepting completed work for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station and authorizing final payment. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11L:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0141, setting a public hearing for may 7, 2020 for the Park Ave. 4 to 3 Lane Conversion project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11M:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0142, awarding the remainder of a five-year landfill contract to Rittmer Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11N:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request #2020-0143, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Stalker for the purchase of radar units for the Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11O:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0144, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Keltek Inc for the purchase of two emergency light bars. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11P:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0145, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Mohawk Lifts, for the purchase of a 750000lb lift to accommodate our current fleet as well as any future vehicles purchased. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions regarding the warranty and service agreements to the lift that were addressed by Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins.

There were questions regarding adding this to amendment #2 to the 2019/2020 budget that were addressed by Finance Director Nancy Lueck.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11Q:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0146, to enter into a professional services agreement with Strand and Associates for the design of the dual use redundant force main project phase 1. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11R:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0147, approving the issuance of a purchase order to C.R. Landscaping for repairs to the Weed Park Rose Garden Playground retaining wall. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11S:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2020-0148, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Superior Seawall for the repairs to the long dock and courtesy dock from damages received during the 2019 flood. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11T:

Councilmember Peggy Gordon and Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins presented on the Small Business Assistance Program.

Mr. Jenkins Stated this program is to help ensure the local economy can rebound as quickly as possible from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The presentation included an overview of the program, the time line anticipated, eligibility requirements, program funding, as well as an explanation of how the scoring matrix would work.

Jeff Osborne, 970 Locust and Eric Reader, GMCCI, were present were present with questions as well as to thank the City for taking the initiative to help the local small businesses.

Councilmember Brackett moved to moved forward with the Small Business Assistance Program, seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Councilmembers asked that citizens continue to practice social distancing and to take the COVID-19 restrictions seriously.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would be brining changes to the code forward in the near future to restore powers of the Mayor that had been removed.

Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins stated the COVID-19 Policy had been extended until the end of April.

Councilmember Froelich moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Attest:

Mayor Diana Broderson

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator