

**CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – August 06, 2020**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brackett called the City Council meeting for Thursday August 6, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Mayor Pro Tem Brackett read a proclamation for Water & Waste Water Workers of Iowa Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Brackett Presented Life Saving Awards to Corporal Matt Fowler & Officer Mark Schollmeyer for their heroic actions that resulted in saving the life of a resident from a house fire on July 7, 2020.

Jacob Martin, 2205 2nd Ave. was present to share his concerns regarding flooding at his business during rain storms causing a dangerous situation in the area.

Public Works Director, Brian Stineman, stated that the City is aware of this issue and it will be addressed with the contractor for the former DOT site.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Jindrich, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-H: Petitions and Communications
- Item 9A-B: From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-C: Receive and File

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

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0270, awarding the contract for the demolition of a structure at 104 Clinton Street to Sulzco Inc. in the amount of \$14,500.00. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11B: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0271, approving State Transit Operating Assistance in the mount of \$256,239.00, from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11C: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0272, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Justice for a Justice Assistance Grant in

the amount of \$15,763.00. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.
Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0 Motion carried.

11D: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0273, for the Muscatine Landfill Regulatory Assistance Services Proposal from Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding the contract renewal process that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman and Solid Waste Manager Dave Popp. Mr. Popp stated that the work is on an as needed basis and only provided upon request.
Vote: Ayes -7, Nays -0 Motion carried.

11E: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0274, for the Muscatine Landfill Annual Services Agreement with Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were question from City Council regarding the difference in yearly costs that were addressed by Solid Waste Manager, Dave Popp. Mr. Popp stated that different tests are required at different times affecting the costs/year.

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

11F: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2020-0275, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$10,275.04, to Builtrite Handlers and Attachments, for the purchase of a replacement grapple bucket. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11G: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0276, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$6,825.60, to Rehrig Pacific Co., for the purchase of 112 new 95-gallon containers with lids. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11H: Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve Request #2020-0277, awarding the contract for the former DOT site to Legat Architects of Moline, in an amount not to exceed \$63,475.00. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding inspections prior to the City of Muscatine taking possession of the property that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

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

11I: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0278, declaring the police range building located on MPW Property as surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11J: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0279, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$14,995.00, to Star Equipment, Ltd. For the purchase of an air compressor for the Water Resource Recovery Facility. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11K: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2020-0280, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$28,490.00, to Geo Synthetics, Inc. for the purchase of ten 150' by 45' geo synthetic bags. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions from City Council regarding this purchase being put on hold that were addressed by WRRF Director Jon Koch. Mr. Koch stated that the harbor had not been dredged in over a year and that with the new docks being put in that it needed to be done soon.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes added that boats have been dragging coming into the harbor and that dredging needs to be done.

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

11L: Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve moving forward with the Mini-Pitch Project Concept Plan and cost estimate subject to outside funding for a Mini-Pitch site to be added to the Muscatine Skate Park. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

There were questions from a resident regarding flooding that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes, stating that that area would not be affected by flooding unless the water was over the levee.

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

11M: At this time there was discussion regarding a request by Keep Muscatine Beautiful for a lighting project at the Muscatine Riverfront at the site of a future band shelter. Brenda Christenson and Chris Boar were present to present the proposal to City Council and to share the funding they have received as well as what is needed to move forward. Keep Muscatine Beautiful is requesting in addition to approval for the project to move forward, for the City of Muscatine to commit to providing \$16,000 for this project.

There were questions regarding putting this item in the 2021 Budget that were addressed by Finance Director Nancy Lueck.

Councilmember Malcolm made a motion to allow Keep Muscatine Beautiful to move forward with a public property improvement project on the Muscatine Riverfront. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Councilmember Gordon made a motion to request the finance director to review the funding request from Keep Muscatine Beautiful for up to \$16000.00, to fund the Cities portion of this project and include it in the 2021-2022 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

11N: At this time there was discussion regarding resuming City Council Meetings in City Hall Chambers and the logistics of the audio and video presentation to the public. There was a consensus among City Council members to direct staff to prepare a plan for Council Meetings to resume in Council Chambers and present at the August 20, 2020 meeting.

Council Communication:

Councilmember Froelich stated he had been contacted regarding flooding on low area of Houser Street during heavy rain. WRRF Director Jon Koch stated there is currently a study being down to address that issue.

Councilmember Malcolm stated the new roundabout looks amazing but would like to see the intersection of Walnut & 2nd repaired. He stated that intersection took a lot of wear from the construction on 2nd Street.

Councilmember Gordon stated she has had positive feedback regarding the art work that is being done around the downtown area.

Councilmember Brockert stated that three new housing projects in Muscatine have received tax credit from the state allowing them to move forward.

Councilmember Jindrich stated August 11th is the open house for the new water tower design.

Councilmember Froelich moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Kelcey Brackett

Attest:

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator