

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – November 19, 2020

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday November 19, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Cheryl Plank, Vision 20/20 CEO, gave a presentation regarding the progress by Vision 20/20. Ms. Plank stated a Vision 20/20 board has been created, a committee has reviewed, amended and adopted new by-laws, mission and vision statements have been adopted and a CEO has been hired. Ms. Plank shared the Vision statement: Vision 20/20 serves as a catalyst to bring human services together to assure mission-driven sustainability and the Mission statement: The mission of Vision 20/20 is to provide leadership and resources to assure that human service organizations in the Muscatine area meet the needs.

Mike and Peggy Kline, 20 Pond Street, were present to share concerns with City Council regarding the use of fireworks in Muscatine. Mr. Kline stated he would like to see the use of fireworks banned completely. Mayor Broderson and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman explained that the City has laws in order that only allow the use of fireworks on three days per year, but enforcing the law is the issue. Mayor Broderson stated that the state of Iowa Legislators set the dates that fireworks can be sold. City Council requested the Klines invite Senator Mark Lofgren to come to a Council Meeting to discuss what the citizens of Muscatine can do to help get the Iowa laws changed regarding firework sales.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-G: Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-F: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$

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

Public Hearing A

Mayor Broderson stated this Public hearing concerns the proposed use of CDBG Block Grant funds awarded from the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin gave a presentation on the projected use along with sharing the steps needed by City Council to move forward with the use of these funds.

There were no oral or written comments from the public.

Councilmember Brackett moved the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Public Hearing B

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the discontinuation of the Convention and Visitors Board by approval of an ordinance striking Title 2, Chapter 13 of the Muscatine City Code.

There were no oral or written comments from the public.

Councilmember Jindrich moved the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 1(Hopkins), Motion carried.

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #2020-0361 vacating a portion of the undeveloped Lombard Street right-of-way adjoining 1009 E. 6th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11B: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Resolution # 2020-0389, approving the execution of a deed to convey the vacated right-of-way to adjoining property owner. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11C: Councilmember Froelich moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #2020-0362 vacating a portion of the unimproved Front Street (Mississippi Drive) right-of-way that directly adjoins the rear of their property at 1000 Hershey Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11D: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Resolution #2020-0390, approving the execution of a deed to convey the vacated right-of-way to McKee Button Company. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

11E: Councilmember Brackett moved approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-0391, striking Title 2, Chapter 13 of the Muscatine City Code and discontinuing the Convention and Visitors Board. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Councilmember Brackett asked what the reasons were for Councilmember Hopkins voting against this Ordinance,

Councilmember Hopkins stated that the Convention and Visitors Board was assigned to the Chamber of Commerce under the direction of the City in 2012. Mr. Hopkins states he feels this is the way it should remain.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 1, (Hopkins), Motion carried.

11F: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0392, accepting completed work for the 2nd Street and Mulberry Avenue roundabout. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11G: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0393, setting a public hearing for December 3, 2020, on declaring 3,826 square feet of real estate as surplus and directing for its proposal. . Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11H: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0394, for the issuance of a purchase order to Superior Seawalls in the amount of \$59,600, for repairs needed to the houseboat dock system. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

There were questions from City Council regarding the type and amount of damaged received by the docks from the windstorm that were address by Parks and Recreation Superintendent Nick Gow.

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

11I: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0395, for the issuance of a purchase order to Menards in the amount of \$11,218.30 for supplies to complete the Soccer West Drainage Project. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11J: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0396, for the issuance of a purchase order to Deery Brothers in the amount of \$29,653.00 for a 4x4 Truck Chassis. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions from City Council regarding this item being a budgeted item that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

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

11K: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0397, for the issuance of a purchase order to Henderson Products, in the amount of \$16,102.00, for a stainless steel dump body for the 4x4 truck chassis. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

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Communication from Council Members

Councilmember Malcolm had concerns regarding holding the budget sessions in a location that would accommodate social distancing for the safety of all in attendance.

City Administrator Webb stated they would look into that and come up with a plan.

Councilmember Brackett stated he is looking forward to having Senator Lofgren join the Council for discussion regarding the sale of fireworks.

Mayor Broderson and City Councilmembers wished everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Hopkins motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Attest:

Mayor Diana Broderson

Carol Webb, City Administrator