

City of Muscatine
In-Depth City Council Minutes
7:00 p.m. – July 8, 2021

Mayor Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, July 8, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich, Brackett and Hopkins.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0230 setting a public hearing to declare certain real estate located at 704 Spring Street as surplus. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2021-0231, approving a contract for security information and event management/security operations center services with Winsor Consulting.

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

Gage Huston and Paul Burback representing Muscatine Power and Water gave a presentation on an Electric Vehicle Charging Program. Mr. Huston shared an overview of MPW strategy to encourage the use of electric vehicles in the community including a plan to install multiple charging stations throughout Muscatine. Mr. Huston also shared an incentive plan that MPW has in place for customers purchasing electric vehicles and installing charging stations in their homes.

There were questions from City Councilmembers regarding the different types of charging stations, the cost for a citizen to use a public charger and the amount of time to charge an electric vehicle that were addressed by Mr. Huston and Mr. Burback.

Andrew Fangman and Jodi Royal Goodwin, Muscatine Community Development, gave a presentation on how City Code addresses property conditions, the gaps relating to property maintenance that currently exists, and options regarding how a property maintenance code could address these issues. The presentation was intended to facilitate a discussion that would provide direction to staff for drafting a local property maintenance code.

There was discussion with City Council regarding enforcement process for the code, different regulations for different types of property and the creation of a pilot program in a small area of town prior to implementing on the entire City,

There was a consensus with City Council to move forward with code changes to be brought back for City Council approval at a future meeting.

Nancy Lueck, Finance Director, gave an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Ms. Lueck shared new information on how the ARPA revenue reduction is calculated and updated information on how the funds from ARPA can be used.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Webb, City Administrator