

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – FEBRUARY 3, 2022

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for Thursday February 3, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich, Osborne, Froelich and Lewis.

The Council meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Ron Henderson, 5820 63rd Avenue W, was present to thank Councilmembers for coming to look at his neighbors house per his complaint and for discussing City Code with him regarding junk vehicles. Mr. Henderson read a portion of City Code and stated that he doesn't see why we have City Code if it is not going to enforced.

Larry Kent, 1007 Dolivar Street, was present to request information regarding the status of his request to allow the use of his over the road vehicle on City streets. Mr. Kent stated that per City Code golf carts are allowed to be driving on City streets.

City Administrator Webb asked for input from City Councilmembers on there stance on this and agreed to have further discussion with them on this matter.

Consent Agenda

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

- Item 6 A Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-C Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-D Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$1,589,578.89

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

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding amendments to Title 6, Chapter 8 of Muscatine City Code related to Animal Control Regulations. City Administrator Carol Webb and Animal Control Officer Courtney Patel shared a Power Point presentation regarding the changes.

There were questions and comments from City Council and Megan Koehler, 1512 Bidwell, for changes to the ordinance to include:

- Changing three sides to four sides in the outdoor animal shelter
- Length of time an animal should be tethered outside unattended
- Types of collars acceptable for tethering of dogs
- Length of leash to be used with a dangerous dog
- Clarification of irresponsible owner
- Irresponsible commercial breeding
- Possibility of Muzzling dangerous dogs

Councilmember Gordon moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

A public hearing was held regarding approval of plans and specifications for the Taylor Park Improvements project. There were no written or oral comments from the public. Councilmember Hopkins moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

A public hearing was held regarding approval of plans and specifications for Taylor Park Splash Pad Project. There were no written or oral comments from the public.

Councilmember Froelich moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

A public hearing was held regarding approval of plans and specifications for the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) Project. There were no oral or written comments from the public.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2022-0046, revising Title 6, Chapter 8 of the City Code of Muscatine, regarding animal regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

There was discussion among Councilmembers regarding to changes in the proposed ordinance that they would like to have prior to the second reading.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 (Osborne) Motion carried.

11B. Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0047, setting a public hearing on an amendment to Title 1, Chapter 2, Section 14 of City Code relating Standard Penalties. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding the fees that are included in this change that were addressed by City Administrator Webb. Ms. Webb stated this is to adopt the standard range of codes and individual specific fees would be addressed at a future council meeting.

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

11C: Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0048, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the Taylor Park Improvements Project. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes made note that there was a typographical error in the amount and it should have read \$435,280.00.

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

11D: Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0049, approving plan, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the Taylor Park Splash Pad Project. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11E: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0050, approving plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the HAWK Crossing project. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

There were questions from Councilmember Brockert regarding safety issues addressed by citizens in regard to this crosswalk that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman. Mr. Stineman stated there would be public outreach in order to make the public aware of the changes.

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

11F: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0051, awarding the contract for the Southend Playground Development Project to Boland Recreation. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Jamie Hazen was present to state her appreciation for making the all inclusive playgrounds a reality. Ms. Hazen stated she would now be able to include all of her children together when going to the park.

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

11G: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0052. Authorizing the execution of a deed for Parcel Number 0835286017 to Habitat for Humanity. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11H: Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0053, authorizing the execution of a deed for Parcel #08361582002 to the adjoining property owner, Garrels Enterprise LLLP. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11I: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0054 awarding a contract for the demolition of a structure at 706 Pine Street, to Heuer Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

There were comments and questions regarding the ownership of this property that were addressed by City Planner April Limburg. Ms. Limburg stated the owners had been notified multiple times and the City received no response.

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

11J: Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0055, establishing the price of property owned by the City of Muscatine to be sold to a third party. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis .

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

11K: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request # 2022-0056, for a five year contract extension with Republic Services of Bettendorf for biweekly residential curbside recycling collection services. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11L: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2022-0057, for a contract with JJJ Hauling for Trash and Leachate hauling. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11M: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request # 2022-0058, for an agreement with the IDOT, accepting a grant to be used for the Transit Wash Bay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

City Administrator Webb had questions regarding how the Councilmembers wanted to move forward regarding In-Depth Meetings and making them solely for discussion items as they had been in the past. There was a consensus from Council.

Councilmember Froelich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Mayor Brad Bark

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator