

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – June 16, 2022

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for Thursday June 16, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Ty Thomas, Calvary Church, gave the Invocation.

Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Gordon, Jindrich, Osborne, Brockert, and Froelich. Councilmember Lewis was not present

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

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

- Item 6 A Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-F Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-B Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$2,163,111.38

Vote: Ayes-6, Nays -0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding revisions to the City Code Title 6, Chapter 8 regarding community cats and a trap, neuter and return (TNR) Program.

Casey Koehler, 1512 Bidwell Rd, was present to share that the TNR program would help to control the outdoor cat population. Ms Koehler stated that this program would help reduce the number of calls received by the animal control officer and that the group “It Takes a Village” is willing to provide this program to the City at no cost.

Isabel Koehler, 1512 Bidwell Rd., stated that the TNR program includes rabies vaccinations for the cats and that killing cats is homicide and it sets a bad example for the respecting all life.

Griffin Koehler, 1512 Bidwell Rd. stated that racoons, opossums and other small animals are not trapped and killed like cats are. Mr. Koehler also stated that studies link animal violence and human violence and that we should teach respect and caring for all life.

Karen Hartman, 1555 West Acre Dr.,(It Takes a Village, member) stated that TNR program saves community dollars and reduces shelter intakes and euthanasia of animals. She stated TNR reduces the cat population by spaying/neutering at zero cost to the city.

Megan Koehler, 1512 Bidwell, (It Takes a Village President) shared that TNR improves the health of cats, addresses detrimental impacts of overpopulation and makes cats more adoptable.

Freedom Malik, 1836 Hershey Ave, stated she supports the TNR program as well as giving Animal Control Officers more power.

There was a motion by Councilmember Gordon to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

City Administrator Webb asked if there was a consensus to bring forward the 1st reading of ordinance regarding the TNR Program. There was not a consensus in favor of moving forward.

From the City Administrator

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2022-0250, providing for the Division of taxes levied on taxable property in the June, 2022 addition to the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0257, setting a public hearing on July 7, 2022, for the approval of the plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimates for the proposed 67th Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0258, accepting completed work and authorizing final payment for the Taxiway Rehabilitation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0259, approving the contract and bond with Heuer Construction for the widening of the taxiway at the Muscatine Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0260, approving the assessment of unpaid rental housing fees totaling \$3,432.50 to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0265, setting a public hearing for July 7th regarding an application for Community Development Block Grant Funds to support the Mulberry Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Seconded by Councilmember Osborne.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2022-0261, to enter into a professional services agreement with Watersmith Engineering for engineering services for the Soccer Complex Irrigation Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2022-0262, to amend the Business Operations Agreement with Iowa Memorial Granite Company, for Greenwood Cemetery to extend the agreement two additional years through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2022-0263, to amend the Retail Sales and Services Agreement and Lease with Iowa Memorial Granite Company, for Greenwood Cemetery by extending the agreement two additional years to June 30, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2022-0264, for the renewal of the City of Muscatine Insurance Policy with the Iowa Community Insurance Pool (ICAP) for property, casualty, and liability insurance and with the Iowa Municipal Workers Compensation Association for workers compensation insurance. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2022-0265, for a five-year lease agreement with Xerox Corporation for a new copier/printer/scanner for City Hall. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Lewis) Motion carried.

Councilmember Communication

Councilmembers noted upcoming community events.

City Councilmembers had discussion regarding Solsmart program and the possibility of bringing more information to City Council regarding this program.

Councilmember Froelich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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Dr. Brad Bark, Mayor

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator