

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 4, 2014

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 4, 2014, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22941. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council minutes of August 21, 2014
- Second reading for a new Class “B” Native Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Curry’s Express Mart Inc., 4804 Hwy 61 South – Express Mart (pending inspections); first and second reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee Market Café, 2400 2nd Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Casey’s General Store #1484, 1111 Oregon Street – Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections); request for Outdoor Service Permit for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue – R & D Operations Ltd. (pending inspections); first and second reading for a Special Class “C” Liquor License for Missipi Brewing Company, 100 Harbor Drive – R & D Operations (pending inspections and insurance); and Cigarette Permit effective through June 30, 2015 for Express Mart, 4804 S. Hwy 61 – Curry’s Express Mart
- Request for Use of City Property for 2014 Homecoming Parade on October 2, 2014
- Request for Use of City Property for 2014 Senior March on October 3, 2014
- Proclamations declaring September 10, 2014 as “Live United Day”, September as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”, and October 6-10, 2014 as “City Week Iowa 2014”
- Filing of Communication 12A-I
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,528,724.52

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning a proposed Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed amendment.

#22942. Councilmember Spread moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed Forest Parkway Reconstruction Project.

Diego Ferreira of 2227 Forest Parkway asked when the project would get underway.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated bids for the project will be received on September 12, 2014 and the contract awarded at the September 18, 2014 City Council meeting. The approval of the contract and bond will take place on October 2, 2014. He stated once the contract and bond are approved, the project will begin.

Larry Clausen of 2517 Forest Parkway stated residents have waited a long time for these improvements and that everyone is looking forward to the completion of the project.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed project.

#22943. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22944. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22945. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the Forest Parkway Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22946. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Illowa Investment Inc. in the amount of \$358,507.78 for the 2014 Asphalt Overlay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22947. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the intent to acquire or condemn if necessary all or a portion of property or an interest in property for the public improvement for the City of Muscatine Sanitary Landfill Project for Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmember Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22948. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted regarding the allocation and exercise of Iowa Municipal Housing Powers. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22949. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the annual Roadway Maintenance Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22950. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the acceptance of the land donation from the Kent-Stein Foundation for the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Rehwaldt stated he was driving into town on the Bypass as it enters the City of Muscatine out by Menard's. He stated the middle islands need to be sprayed with Roundup and also cleaned up. He stated this stretch of road is the gateway to our community. He asked if something could be done to make it look better.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated that unfortunately it is the state's responsibility to maintain these areas. He stated staff is going to be meeting with IDOT representatives and that he will let them know about the city's concerns. He stated he would ask them how much they would be willing to up their contribution to the city in the future if we maintain these areas.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the state is also responsible for winter maintenance as well. He stated the city has a good working relationship with the state and staff will see what can be done to get these areas cleaned up.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated as a last resort, the city could declare the area nuisances as per the city's weed ordinance.

City Administrator Mandsager stated staff will work with the local IDOT representative to see if this matter can be resolved.

Councilmember Phillips stated she has been receiving positive comments on the work that has been done on Washington Street.

City Administrator Mandsager stated City Council's goal setting session has been scheduled for October 23, 2014. He stated he would be sending out a reminder tomorrow.

#22951. Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator