

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 20, 2014

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, November 20, 2014, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Snaadt of Alliant Energy stated that once a year she likes to update City Council on Alliant Energy's activities. She listed the various ways Alliant Energy supports the City of Muscatine and stated she was pleased to see the number of active rebate recipients in the community. She stated the office located in Muscatine has been increased by two employees.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked why there was an increase in the employees.

Ms. Snaadt stated Alliant Energy is trying to prepare for the future as current employees retire.

Acting City Administrator Randy Hill stated that Public Works has contact with Alliant Energy on a regular basis and that Ann Kreiss from the Muscatine office is very cooperative.

#23008. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council minutes of November 6, 2014, Special Council minutes for November 13, 2014, and In-Depth minutes for November 13, 2014
- Renewal of a Class "C" Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for New York Dollar Store, 109 East 2nd Street – Antonio Sosa (pending inspections); renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Pla-Mor Lanes, 1411 Grandview Avenue – Muscatine Properties Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal of a Class "B" Native Wine Permit, Class "C" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for GeoJohnz, 203 East 2nd Street – GeoJohnz LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
- Approval of Revitalization Property Tax Abatement
- Filing of Communications 12A-D
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,840,136.86

Peggy Gordon and Erin Dindinger, representing the Citizens for an Offleash Muscatine Park (COMP) were present to request City Council approve the use of city property (Transfer Station field) for a dog park. The two presented a power point outlining the proposed dog park. The group is asking City Council for use 8 of the 14 useable acres as proposed contingent upon obtaining the necessary funding.

#23009. Councilmember Bynum moved the request be approved contingent on COMP raising the necessary funds. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

There was discussion concerning the proposed dog park.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23010. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving changes to the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23011. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving changes to the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency's Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23012. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the request from the Fire Department for the submission of a grant application to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a new 3,000 gallon water tender (tanker). Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Spread stated he did not recall seeing this in the budget.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated funds for the city's share of the water tender are available in the General Fund or it could be included in a bond issue.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23013. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to renew the 28E Agreement between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County for Animal Control Services. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23014. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the \$5,000 contribution to the Community Foundation for the Muscatine Levee Feasibility Study. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#23015. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve Change Order #4 for the Colorado Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#23016. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the amended Supplemental Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the maintenance of primary roads. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23017. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the purchase of a mid-mount wing plow from Henderson Manufacturing in the amount of \$8,708. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Councilmember Natvig asked if this is the same manufacturer that was used for the first one that was purchased, and Acting City Administrator Hill answered yes.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if the city is ready for winter, and Mr. Hill answered yes.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#23018. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the lease agreement with Xerox for a new copier for the Finance Department. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#23019. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from Frank Bermel to allow deer hunting on 143.5 acres of his property located at 1885 Savannah Avenue that was voluntarily annexed into the city in 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if they will have to get authorization each year to hunt.

Mr. Hill stated the hunting will continue until the City Code is amended to include the verbiage stated in the current ordinance.

Todd Bermel, 304 Myrtle Lane, asked if the request being approved was strictly deer or was it just hunting.

Mr. Hill stated that based on the Memorandum of Understanding approved in September 2012, the city will agree to allow hunting as long as all laws are followed.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Mr. Hill provided an update on the projects on Cedar and Colorado streets and Forest Parkway. He stated the asphalt overlay was completed today on Colorado Street and that the contractor will be back in the spring for landscaping and finishing work.

Mr. Hill, speaking in reference to Forest Parkway and Cedar Street, stated there is still work to be done by the contractors. He stated that All American and Heuer Construction will be working this weekend and Monday pouring concrete. He stated signage is needed on Cedar Street and that temporary lighting will be installed. He stated the contractor will be back in the spring to do the finishing work.

Mr. Hill stated the roadways will be open for travel by Thanksgiving.

#23020. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randy Hill, Acting City Administrator