

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 4, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 4, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Communications from Citizens, Dakota Upshaw of 715 E. 7th Street in Muscatine stated he was present tonight to explain why employees of Brandt Construction/Hy-Brand Industrial were on strike. He asked that the City of Muscatine hire contractors that treat their employees fairly.

Nicole Pinnick of Atkinson, Illinois, who works for Brandt Construction, also voiced her concerns about the companies and how its employees are treated.

A representative from the Coalition for Worker Justice spoke about the concerns of the employees and the complaints against Brandt Construction. He stated his purpose tonight is to notify the public about the complaints against Brandt Construction and its sibling companies and to ask that the companies not be hired until everything is resolved and they become better workplaces for all.

Kent Ferris who is Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Davenport, stated that he was present tonight to express his solidarity with the striking workers.

Speaking in reference to the Consent Agenda, Mayor Broderson stated that Item 9A pertaining to appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission had been removed.

#23276. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – January 21, 2016
- General Fund Overview Minutes – January 28, 2016
- Budget Review Session Minutes – January 30, 2016
- Second Reading for a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Club Inc., 2402 Park Avenue – Club Inc. (pending inspections and insurance) and renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Outdoor Service Contrary Brewing Co., 411 West Mississippi Drive – Contrary Brewing LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for Great River Days Activities on July 24-31, 2016
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for RABGRAI Activities on July 29-31, 2016
- Filing of Communications 12A-G
- Approval of attached Bills for Approval totaling \$2,890,030.21

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed vacation of a utility easement in the Muscatine Pointe Subdivision.

Amber Hardin of Stanley, Lande and Hunter PC stated she was present tonight on behalf of the developer ECC313. She stated the request did go before the Planning & Zoning Commission. She stated that essentially CenturyLink has some wires that need to be moved.

There were no written or oral petitions for or against the proposed vacation of the utility easement.

#23277. Councilmember Spread moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed adoption of the City of Muscatine's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the adoption of the proposed CIP.

#23278. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23279. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of a utility easement in the Muscatine Pointe Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23280. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt the resolution adopting the City of Muscatine's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if the CIP was completed.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager answered yes. He stated the CIP adopted tonight includes the changes made to the projects for the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23281. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to adopt the ordinance vacating a right-of-way remnant in the City of Muscatine and directed for its publication as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23282. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the sale of a right-of-way remnant in the City of Muscatine to the HNI Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23283. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving an executed deed between the City of Muscatine and HNI Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23284. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted accepting the low bid and awarding the contract to JL Brady in the amount of \$49,478 for the Clark House Domestic Hot Water Heater Replacement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23285. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted accepting easements for the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if this was the modified route, and City Engineer Jim Edgmond answered yes.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23286. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the request from the Fire Department for the issuance of a purchase order to Feld Fire in the amount of \$51,850 for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Bottles and Pack. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Harvey asked if these bottles are replacing ones that have expired, and Fire Chief Jerry Ewers answered yes.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23287. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the request from the Police Department to use funds from the Fiscal Year 2015 Justice Assistance Grant to purchase crime scene camera equipment from the Camera Corner in the amount of \$6,365.12. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23288. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the installation of a sign overhanging the public right-of-way for 331 E. 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

Under other business, Councilmember Rehwaldt stated he has chosen to delay discussing the city's waste hauling business until another date.

#23289. Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator