

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 2, 2017

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 2, 2017, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Harvey, Bynum, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Broderson presented Corporal Joe Bryant with a lifesaving award for an incident that took place in December 2016. She then thanked him for his service to the community.

#23712. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – January 19, 2017
- Budget Minutes – January 26, 28, 30 & 31, 2017
- Request on renewal for a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Loos Inc, 711 Park Avenue – Loos Inc. (pending inspections); renewal for a Catering Privilege, Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for The Rendezvous, 3127 Lucas Street – Cindy’s Rendezvous, LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal for a Catering Privilege, Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Boonie’s on the Avenue, 214 Iowa Avenue – Boonie’s on the Avenue, LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal for a Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for GM Food Mart, 2881 Highway 61 – Nanak Express LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal for a Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for GM Mini Mart, 2307 Lucas Street – Nanak Express LLC (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal for a Class “B” Beer Permit and Outside Service for Contrary Brewing Co., 411 West Mississippi Drive – Contrary Brewing LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request to Approve Applications for Revitalization Property Tax Abatement for James L. and Pat J. Powers and Todd Hackett
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$4,116,545.78

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed Mississippi Drive Corridor Project.

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

#23713. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#23714. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the proposed Mississippi Drive Corridor Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

City Council voiced their concerns about approving the plans and specifications as submitted by the engineer.

Vote – Three ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Natvig, and Spread. Three nays: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Bynum, and Harvey. Motion failed.

#23715. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed Airport T-Hangar Apron Expansion Project Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23716. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed vacation and sale of alley right-of-way (old Sun Mart block) for Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There was discussion concerning the sale of the project and the need for aesthetics once the new business is constructed.

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

#23717. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted awarding the contract to the Crawford Company in the amount of \$164,678 for the Public Safety Building Additional Cooling Capacity Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked Vic Amaroso of A&J Associates if he was happy with the Crawford Company.

Mr. Amaroso stated they are very good contractors.

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

#23718. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Anderson-Bogert in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for airport consulting. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23719. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the purchase of a street sweeper from Trans Iowa Equipment in the amount of \$197,000. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

#23720. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Housing Demand Study Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Community Development Director David Gobin explained the difference between a Housing Needs Study and a Housing Demand Study.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Spread stated that Councilmember Saucedo was not at the meeting tonight because he was coaching the Muscatine County Boxing Club.

Councilmember Rehwaldt stated that Councilmember Saucedo is doing really great work. He stated that coaching the young boxers gives him the opportunity to act as their mentor.

#23721. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to reconsider the resolution approving the plans and specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting a bid opening date for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project. Seconded by Councilmember Tom Spread. Five ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Harvey, and Spread. One nay: Councilmember Bynum. Motion carried.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Jim Harbaugh of Bolton & Menk, City Engineer Jim Edgmond, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

The following three alternatives will be prepared for presentation at the February 9, 2017 In-Depth meeting:

- Remove on-street parking in the area extending from Broadway south to the motorcycle shop and expand the barrier curb in the median but make the median curb u-turn at Broadway instead of close to Broadway.
- Take out on-street parking and widen the center lane and surround the whole center median with roll over curb so residents can cross the median at any given location which will require the removal of street lights and landscaping from the contract.
- Remove parking, restripe the existing pavement, and keep an open three lane street with lights placed on the sides of the street.

#23722. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the original resolution be adopted based on an addendum being brought forward at the February 9, 2017 In-Depth meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

Continuing the comments, City Administrator Mandsager that the Muscatine China Initiative and the Chinese Symphony for an excellent program.

Mayor Broderson, speaking in reference to the recent public meeting held on the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project, asked that more notice be given in the future when such meetings are going to be held.

Mayor Broderson stated the next Coffee with the Mayor will be on February 25, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Happy Joe's Pizza on Lake Park Boulevard.

Mayor Broderson stated the Food Pantry is in need of food and non-essential items. She stated the pantry is open 8 to 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday or items can be left at Community Services during their working hours.

Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator