

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –August 16, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 16th, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Norm Moline with River Action came to discuss the upcoming annual Upper Mississippi River Conference being held in the Quad Cities Oct 24-25, 2018. Mr. Moline encouraged City Staff and City Council to attend the Quad Cities Flood Resiliency workshop portion of the conference to discuss forming an alliance with other towns along the river to discuss flood management.

Mike Nolan with NPSW Enterprise came to present a Housing Tiff Request. Mr. Nolan stated that their vision was to create a new neighborhood in Muscatine that would stimulate the housing market, provide affordable single-family housing and create a family neighborhood environment. Mr. Nolan proposed a 65% TIF over a 10-year period to make this development possible.

There were questions from City Council regarding sewer and drainage that were answered by Public Works Director Brian Stineman and City Planner Andrew Fangman.

There was a consensus with City Council to move forward with negotiations between the City of Muscatine and the developer for a TIF Agreement.

Lt. Jeff Jirak, Muscatine Police Department came to explain the Juvenile Diversion Program started August 1st in Muscatine. He explained that a juvenile that commits a simple misdemeanor will have the chance to attend a class and have no charges on his/her record. If the juvenile commits a second offense he/she will then go through the regular court process. Lt. Jirak stated is has been proven that 50-80% of Juveniles that go through this program will not be repeat offenders.

There were questions from City Council that were address by Lt. Jirak.

Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – August 2, 2018
- Request for renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Buffalo Wild Wings, 2608 – 2nd Avenue – Blazin Wings, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for VFW, 1415 Grandview Avenue – Veterans of Foreign Wars (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for American Legion Club, 110 So. Houser Street – Edward H Bitzer Post No. 27 (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Muscatine Fast Break, 2603 Second Avenue – Reif Oil Company (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Casey’s General Stores #1484, 1111 Oregon Street – Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections and insurance)

- Request for renewal of a Class “B” Native Wine Permit for Flowers on the Avenue, 1138 East 9th Street – Flowers on the Avenue (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for Outdoor Service Permit for Hy-Vee Mainstreet, 510 East 5th Street from October 10, 2018 through October 12, 2018
- Request to approve application for Revitalization Property Tax Abatement for RD & MA Sturms Living Trust.
- Request to approve application for Revitalization Property Tax Abatement for Landon Dixon.
- Filing and Communication 12A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,989,913.26

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing concerning the approval of the Muscatine Municipal Airport, Hangar Apron Plans and Specifications. There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed project.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert. Vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

Public hearing concerning the approval of the Muscatine Municipal Airport, Hangar Building Plans and Specifications. There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed project.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. Vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 3 of the City Code. This change brings the City Code into alignment with the National Electric Code. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from Council regarding the types of materials that could be used that were addressed by Nick Morgan, City of Muscatine Electrical Inspector.

Vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution # 94414-0818, approving the plans and bid specifications for the Municipal Airport hangar apron area. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution # 94413-0818, approving the plans and bid specifications for the Municipal Airport Hangar Building Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #94415-0818, approving the contract and bond for the Asphalt Alley Overlay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from City Council regarding the term indefinite, used in the contract, that were answered by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt Resolution # 94416-0818, approving the assessment of unpaid abatement cost and rental inspection fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from council that were addressed by Community Development Director Dave Gobin.

Vote – All ayes. Motion Carried

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve a request (94417-0818) lowering the speed limit on Houser Street from Lucas to Grandview from 40 MPH to 30 MPH. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council regarding the reason for the change that was addressed by City Planner Andrew Fangman and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager. They stated that with the new parking lot and athletic fields as well as the pollinator park, dog park, soccer complex, Kent Stein park and the Westside Trailhead there would be more foot traffic crossing Houser Street.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 1, (Saucedo). Motion carried.

Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve a request (94418-0818) to raise the speed limit on Mississippi Drive between Green St and Broadway St from 25 to 35 MPH. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote – Ayes 5 Nays 2, (Spread, Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve a request (94419-0818) for the issuance of a purchase order to Trackmasters Inc. in the amount of \$160,100 for repairs to railroad crossing at Dick Drake Way. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from City Council regarding the location of this crossing and the time frame expected for the repairs that were answered by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve a request (94419-0818) for the issuance of a purchase order to Pittsburg Water Cooler in the amount of \$8579.85 for drinking fountains at the dog park. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve a request (94420-0818) for the issuance of a purchase order to Affordable Metal in the amount of \$14,982.92 for Dog Park Shade Shelters. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve a request (94421-0818) for the continuation of a lease with the Dept. of Transportation for the Mark Twain Lookout. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve a request (94422-0818) declaring Sept 15, 2018-Jan 10, 2019 for the 2018-2019 deer hunt season. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve a request (94423-0818) declaring display cases at “old” Musser Public Library as surplus and donation to Louisa-Muscatine School District. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve a request (94424-0818) authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Crawford Heating and Plumbing for the WPCP Grit Building Makeup air unit.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda Nick Gow, Parks Superintendent, stated the Athletic Field Grading project was well underway and requested that counsel consent to moving forward with the purchase of an irrigation system for this project. The department would like to have the irrigation system on hand and ready for installation as soon as the fields are ready, so they are able to begin seeding early this fall.

There was a consensus with City Council to move forward with irrigation system purchase.

Councilmember Brockert asked to have the detour sign on Main Street moved into the Right of Way because she has had complaints of safety issues where it is currently located.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated he would check into getting that moved.

Councilmember Saucedo asked for status on the River Drive Construction.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated the road should be open at the end of September.

Mayor Broderson stated the next guests on “Our City” would be Rosa Mendoza and Jennifer DeFosse.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator