

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 13, 2018

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 13, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald, Malcolm.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding handicapped parking spaces on Mississippi Drive led by Public Works Director Brian Stineman. Mr. Stineman stated in regards to complaints about the parking on Mississippi the following options would be available.

- Leave parking as it is
- Move the Handicapped Parking from in front of Nutrition Outlet to in front of Contrary Brewing where the ramp would be accessible
- Make both spots handicapped accessible and install a new ramp when time permits

Mr. Stineman stated that he had been asked about a handicapped spot on Lynn Street but because of the grade of the hill it would not be possible.

There was discussion among council members regarding the options presented, costs, affects and there was a consensus to move forward with making both spots handicapped accessible.

Next Community Development Director Dave Gobin introduced Lindsay Whitson as the new Community Development Coordinator and stated she would be sharing information regarding the ADA Parking Policy Draft.

Ms. Whitson stated that she had been working with the traffic committee to update the current policy and shared the process of a citizen obtaining a handicapped parking space near their home. She stated that some of the changes are: renters can now apply, an annual re-approval was added and a fee to cover the cost of the signage and installation.

There was discussion among City Council members regarding the cost, who could park in the spots and the reapplication process. Public Works Director Brian Stineman suggested that Council Members mark up their copies of the draft and return to Ms. Whitson. He then stated that the discussion would be brought back to a later in-depth council meeting.

Next on the agenda Community Development Director Dave Gobin handed out a list of the top property nuisance violators and answered questions from council members. He stated these could be snow removal, trash, junk, weeds etc. Mr. Gobin stated these properties were both owner occupied and rentals and that some were foreclosures owned by banks.

Last on the agenda was a presentation by City Planner Andrew Fangman regarding property owned by the City and the possible sale of said property. Mr. Fangman stated there are two types of property for sale buildable and non-buildable.

Mr. Fangman stated the buildable properties would be sold with the intention that they would be built on within a reasonable amount of time. He stated the non-buildable would be sold only to adjacent property owners.

There were questions from City Council Members that were addressed by Mr. Fangman.

Mayor Broderson stated that on Thursday September 20th at 4:00 p.m. there would be a ribbon cutting for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project at the intersection of Cedar and Mississippi Drive.

Councilmember Brockert stated that her monthly fourth ward meeting would be held Monday Sept 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Southend Fire Department.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he appreciated the street patchwork being done by the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would not be keeping office hours this week

Mayor Broderson stated that the guests on “Our City” this week would be Kim Seligman with Muscatine Diabetes Project and Michelle Burns with Muscatine County Conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Nancy Lueck, Acting City Clerk