

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –September 20, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 20, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ralph Burr, 3015 Allen Street, came forward to discuss the issues with the lift station in his neighborhood. Mr. Burr stated with all of the rain we have gotten it is time for something to be done to fix this issue.

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

- Regular City Council Minutes – Sept 6, 2018
- In-Depth City Council Minutes – Sept 13, 2018
- Request for Outdoor Service Permit for Boonie's on the Avenue, 214 Iowa Avenue from October 17, 2018 through October 20, 2018
- Request for Use of City Property from Bradley Bark, Sycamore Street between 2nd Street and #1 Alley on October 26, 2018.
- Request for Use of City Property from Stepping Stones Learning Center, 2205 Second Avenue on October 31, 2018
- Request for Use of City Property from Muscatine Chamber of Commerce (Over the Edge Event) was approved on May 17, 2018. The Muscatine Chamber of Commerce is requesting to start the event a day earlier, so the event will be held from Oct 17, 2018 through Oct 20, 2018.
- Bills for Approval totaling \$5,365,819.49

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt on third and final reading, ordinance# 94485-0918, 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.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread). Motion Carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt resolution #94486-0918, approving the final plat of Taylor Cove Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread). Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt resolution #94487-0918, approving the Annual Street Finance Report for fiscal year 2017-2018. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread). Motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt resolution #94488-0918, authorizing the assessment of unpaid nuisance abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – 6 ayes 1 absent (Spread). Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt resolution #94489-0918, setting date for public hearing for High Strength Waste Receiving Station Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Spread). Motion Carried

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve request #94490-0918, for the approval of supplement #5 for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Harvey asked what the time line for this project was.

WPCP Director Jon Koch stated weather permitting he would like to be operating in May or June.

Councilmember Saucedo questions what services we were getting with the engineering cost. Mr. Koch stated that Stanley would be available for the entire building process however the City would be doing much of the construction work on their own.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94491-0918, for the approval of a rental agreement with Superior Seawall for the rent of harbor dredge. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding the rental of dredge that were answered by WPCP Director Jon Koch.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve request #94492-0918, for the issuance of a purchase order to Gongol Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$24,710.00 plus shipping, for the purchase of two grit classifier body assemblies for the WPCP. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94493-0918, for the issuance of a purchase order to Bryant Roofing in the amount of \$47,171.00, for the replacement of the roof at the Public Works Department. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding the type of roof that would be applied and the warranty that were answered by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve request 94494-0918, for the issuance of a purchase order to Bushman Excavating in the amount of \$74,400.00, for the 2018 Pavement Crushing. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding the crushing process that were answered by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve request 94495-0918, updating the Drug and Alcohol Policy for the Transit Department. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions regarding the update and how often drug tests are performed that were answered by Human Resources Manager Stephanie Romagnoli.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Malcom moved to approve request #94496-0918, for the issuance of a purchase order to Jim Hawk Trailer in the amount of \$40,077.00, for the replacement of floors in trailer #19 and #25 for the transfer station. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from City Council regarding how long it would take for the repair that were answered by Solid Waste Manager David Popp.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94497-0918, for the issuance of a purchase order to Rehrig Pacific Co. in the amount of \$6,059.20, for the purchase of 112 ninety-five gallon trash carts. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94498-0918, approving an agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, for the management of the Muscatine Convention and Visitors Bureau. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions and discussion from City Council regarding future reports, where visitor information is distributed and website information that were answered by GMCCI President Greg Jenkins and CVB Director Jodi Hansen.

There was discussion regarding the current board members and the possibility of replacement of members that have not been attending meetings regularly.

Councilmember Malcolm suggested the visitor guide be translated into the languages of our sister cities, as a courtesy to visitors.

There were questions from Council regarding the funding of the CVB, that was determined should be put on an in-depth meeting for discussion.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Under Communication:

Councilmember Brockert stated she has questions from citizens regarding the grass being so tall on Mississippi Drive.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated that the mower used to mow that area is in the shop getting fixed and that it would be mowed as soon as possible.

Councilmember Brockert asked the status of Mr. Curry's complaint about 25th Street.

Mr. Stineman stated he had been in touch with him and had also sent information to City Administrator Gregg Mandsager for review regarding this.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he felt the alternating traffic on Stewart Road and Houser Street was a safety concern and suggested having a flagman to direct traffic at those locations.

There were questions from City Council regarding the opening of Mississippi Drive that were answered by Mr. Stineman.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he will be in the dunk tank along with Councilmember Brackett and Police Chief Brett Talkington at the Crossroads fundraiser on Saturday, Sept 29. He encouraged citizens to come out and support Crossroads.

Councilmember Harvey asked about work being done on Begg Street and Mr. Stineman stated he would have to look into that and get the information to him.

Councilmember Brackett stated he was concerned for pedestrians because of traffic on Mississippi Drive where cars were driving and parking on part of the closed road. He also stated that citizens needed to think about the clothes they are wearing when out walking at night, to wear light colored or reflective clothing.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would not be holding office hours this week.

Mayor Broderson stated that on Sept 29th at the Red Brick Building on Riverfront would be the River City Throwdown, and there would be 12 hours of music.

Mayor Broderson stated Sept 30th at Musser Park would be the Police vs. Fire softball game. All proceeds would go to the Humane Society.

Mayor Broderson stated the next guests on “Our City” would be Hannah Howard, Angie Byner, Nick Gow and Elizabeth Burlingame.

Mayor Broderson stated the next Coffee with the mayor would be Sept 29th, 9 a.m. at Happy Joes Pizza.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Lueck, Acting City Clerk