

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – June 13, 2019

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were: Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Malcolm and Fitzgerald.

WRRF Director Jon Koch gave an update on MARRVE, and stated he is receiving many inquiries from interested industries outside of the Muscatine area.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0177, approving the contract and bond for the High Strength Waste Receiving Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by WRRF Director Jon Koch.

Vote – 7 ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request #2019-0178, approving a letter of support for the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant through the Iowa Energy Office of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, to perform the biogas study for the MARRVE project at no cost to the City. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried

WRRF Director Jon Koch presented to City Council options for the Alternate Nutrient Reduction Study including effluent irrigation, sediment basin and slough plan and a focus on Iowa Field flooding by utilizing an Urban Stormwater Retention Area. Mr. Koch stated all of these options could be put together as one contract with a consensus from Council.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding the funding of this project that were addressed by Mr. Koch.

There was a consensus from City Council to move forward.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager brought the Arbor Commons Sewer Extension Lift Station up for discussion. He stated the original estimates were for a “canned” or basic lift station, but upon review and experience the Water Pollution Control Department has asked for changes. He stated these changes would increase the cost by \$148,500 and states that staff recommends additional funding be taken from the Sewer Extension Reserve Fund.

There was a consensus from City Council to move forward.

City Planner Lindsay Whitson came to ask City Council if they had any questions or comments regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.

Jim Edgmond gave a short presentation on the SUDAS traffic control standard, and stated staff is busy working through the SUDAS standards put together what will be presented to Council for Adoption.

Assistant Community Development Director Andrew Fangman came to review hard surfacing. He stated that in order for City Council to make a code change that was not recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission it would require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote or 6 votes from Council in favor of the change. Mr. Fangman reviewed the changes and language that would be used if City Counsel were to vote in favor of the change.

There was discussion among Council regarding the hard surfacing for large businesses that are using the areas for large vehicle storage in the M2 districts, grandfather clause, and businesses that have already complied.

There was a consensus to bring this code change back to City Council for a vote.

In Communication from Council Members:

Councilmember Brockert reminded citizens of the dangers of grass clippings left on streets. She also stated the Riverbend Neighbors would be meeting on June 17th, at 7 p.m. at Fire station #2.

Councilmember Malcolm thanked City staff for their hard work on flood clean up.

Councilmember Saucedo asked that an update on the old Musser Library be brought to council at next meeting.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would like to receive the original traffic study that was prepared for the Houser and Fulliam Street Roundabout.

Public Works Director, Brian Stineman, stated that the flood gates would be opened and Mississippi Drive would be open Friday morning.

Mayor Broderson recommended citizens attend the new exhibits at the Art Center.

Mayor Broderson stated today is flag day and read a poem about our American Flag.

Councilmember Brackett motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator