

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –August 1, 2019

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 1, 2019, 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.

Communications-Citizens

Ralph Burr, 3015 Allen Street asked that a city staff member explain to the residents what is going to be done with the sewer problems at Houser and Dawson Streets. Mr. Burr stated he would like to know when it is going to be fixed.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Brackett, Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-B - Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Items 8 A-G: Petitions and Communications
 - Items 12 A-B: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval totaling \$1,454,733.78
- Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Public Hearing

A. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposed amendment to Title 8, Chapter 7 of the City Code, Building Regulations, Mechanical Code.

Councilmember Brockert moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

B. Public Hearing B – Plumbing Code Amendments pulled from agenda

C. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposed amendment to Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 11 of the City Code, Floodplain Regulations.

Councilmember Brackett moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion Carried

Item 11A

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2019-0236, amending Title 8, Chapter 7 of City Code, Building regulations, Mechanical Code. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11B- Pulled from Agenda

Item 11C

Councilmember Spread moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2019-0237, amending Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 11 of City Code Floodplain Regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11D

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0238, setting a public hearing on August 15, 2019, regarding the amendment of Title 10, Chapter 27, Section 8 of City Code, Standards for all Parking Lots, Garages, Drive Lanes, and Driveways. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0239, setting a public hearing on August 15, 2019, regarding the declaration of 405 VanHorne as surplus property and offering said real estate for sale. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11F

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0240, approving the contract and bond for the 2019 Asphalt Alley Maintenance Project from Taylor Ridge Paving and Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Nancy McClure, Owner of Pro Paving in Burlington, Iowa came to state she feels that her company should have been awarded the contract for the 2019 Asphalt Alley Maintenance Project Contract. Ms. McClure states Pro Paving has done everything that was asked of them by providing additional information and the contract was awarded to the 2nd lowest bidder due to Pro Paving not having the proper equipment to complete the job. Ms. McClure states her company does indeed have all the equipment and capability to perform the milling in question.

Dustin Wolgemuth, Co-Owner of Pro Paving stated the equipment that Pro Paving has is years newer than Taylor Ridge Construction who was awarded the bid. He states they have done everything asked for the bid process and states they are capable of performing the work. He then stated if they were not capable, they would hire Tri-City Blacktop to perform the mill work.

Luke Carpenter, Tri-City Blacktop- stated he had been contacted by Pro Paving to back them up with the mill work and states he feels Pro Paving should be awarded the contract.

Brook Tee, 10398 77th Street Wapello Iowa, representing Indiana Illinois Iowa Fair Contracting Labor Management, came to encourage City Council to award the contract to Pro Paving as they were the lowest responsible bidder.

There was discussion among City Council and staff regarding re-bidding the project and it was decided to discuss with the City Attorney prior to any further decisions.

Vote – Ayes 3, Nays 4, Motion failed

Item 11G

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2019-0241, approving the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of the Watchguard Video System for the Muscatine Police Department. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from City Council that were addressed by Assistant Chief Phil Sargent.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11H

Councilmember Brackett moved approve Request #2019-0242, approving the issuance of a purchase order for Eight 2 ½” nozzles for the Fire Department to replace out of service nozzles. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11I

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request #2019-0243, approving the issuance of a purchase order for a Power-Pro XT & MTS Power Load for use in the ambulance. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council regarding the use of this item that was addressed by Battalion Chief Ted Hillard.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11J

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request # 2019-0244, for the issuance of a purchase order for a EZ-Glide Batter powered stairchair with Powertraxx for use with the ambulance. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11K

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0246, approving a Memorandum of Understanding for the Justice Assistance Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11L

Doug Yates, MUSCO, came to answer questions from City Council regarding a proposed TIF Agreement for a 7.1 million-dollar, 63,000 Square foot expansion to MUSCO Lighting. He states this will bring a variety of new jobs to Muscatine, with the majority being assembly jobs.

There were positive comments and feedback from City Council regarding this proposed TIF and a general consensus was giving by City Council to move forward with the TIF Agreement.

Communication-Council Members

Mayor Broderson stated there is no In-Depth City Council Meeting next week.

Councilmember Brackett stated he had heard great feed-back regarding the College Search Kickoff event hosted in Muscatine.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the Almost Friday Fest was a huge success and that the attendance more than doubled from last month. Mr. Mandsager stated he would like to thank each and everyone that helped make it happen.

Mayor Broderson stated that the Youth Exchange groups from Japan were here visiting this week and would be touring attractions locally.

Mayor Broderson reminded citizens of the upcoming “Our City” Show with guest Greg Bock with the Salvation Army and Amy Hessel from the YMCA. She then shared that “Relay for Voices” would be stopping in Muscatine on August 18th at 1:00 pm to talk to local residents about living on the Mississippi River.

Councilmember Harvey motioned meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

City Clerk, Gregg Mandsager