

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 2, 2020

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday January 2, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications-Citizens

Roger Roth, Clark House, was present to share his concerns with City Council on several items he would like to see addressed.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-G: Petitions and Communication
- Items 12 A-B: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,125,814.03

Vote: Ayes-7 Nays -0 Motion carried

Public Hearing

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the vacation of utility easements at lots 4C and 4B of Sunrise Subdivision.

There were no oral or written comments.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing,

Item 11A:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0003 vacation certain utility easements located at Lots 4C and 4B of Sunrise Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Item 11B:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0004, setting a public hearing for January 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. regarding the plans and specifications for the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays-0, Motion carried

Item 11C:

Councilmember Malcolm moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0005, authorizing the assessment of unpaid nuisance abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

There were comments from City Council complimenting City Staff on tracking these charges.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11D:

Councilmember Bracket moved to approve Request #2020-0006, for the issuance of a purchase order to Krieger Motor Company in the amount of \$31,878.00, for the purchase of a GVW truck chassis for the Public Works Department.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11E:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0007, for the issuance of a purchase order to Stanley Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$5,700.00, for the Papoose Grounding Study. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council that were addressed by WRRF Director John Koch.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11F:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0008, for Change Order #4 for the High Strength Waste Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11G:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #3030-0009, for the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Property Rights Agreements. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11H:

Mayor Broderon presented a motion by Councilmember Hopkins regarding the reinstatement of former City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to table this item. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Item 11I:

Interim City Administrator Jenkins gave a brief update on the search for an Attorney to handle the former City Administrator's termination proceedings. City Council gave consensus to move forward to searching for attorneys outside of those suggested by ICAP and Iowa League of Cities.

Item 11J:

Discussion was held to consider the possible termination of Brick Gentry PC as the City's attorney. Consensus was reached instructing Interim City Administrator to propose a process (RFP, search committee, etc) at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilmember Brackett asked for a closed session on January 9, 2020 to discuss the current issues the City Attorney is presently working on.

Councilmember Hopkins had questions regarding the vote on his motion to reinstate the former City Administrator that were addressed by Mayor Broderon.

Communication:

Councilmember Jindrich stated he had to resign from his job as driving a Muscabus to be a Councilmember and wanted to thank the staff that he had worked with, and stated he was looking forward to new challenges on City Council.

Councilmember Froelich thanked City staff and City Council for helping with the transition of the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Gordon thanked the citizens for giving her an opportunity to serve on City Council.

Interim City Administrator Jenkins thanked staff for the warm welcome and help getting him settled in to his position.

Mayor Broderson gave an update on upcoming events.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adjourn meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator