

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Via Conference Call – 7:00 p.m. – April 2, 2020

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

This meeting was held electronically due to meeting regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Broderson opened the meeting up to communications from citizens. There were no comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Brackett, Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: (Councilmember Malcolm request item 8D be pulled and discussed apart from the consent agenda)

- Items 6 A-D: Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Items 8 A-C and E-K: Petitions and Communication
 - Item 9A: From the Mayor
 - Items 12 A-G: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval totaling \$1,526,253.41
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

Public Hearing:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the vacation of a portion of alley right of way located in block 29 of the original town of Muscatine.

There were no public comments oral or written at this time.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to close this public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Item 8D.

A request from Vineyard Church to hold Easter Church services in the city parking lot located at the corner of Third Street and Cedar Street was pulled from the consent agenda to be discussed separately.

There was discussion among Councilmembers regarding, allowing City property to be used for religious events, if the event would comply with the social distancing rules in place at this time due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes stated he had been working with the church and they are willing to do whatever the City requires to make this happen. He states he has worked with the Vineyard on other events and they have always been compliant.

Councilmember moved to approve the use of the City parking lot for use by Vineyard Church on April 12, 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes 5, Nays 2 (Malcolm, Brackett) Motion carried.

From the City Administrator

Item 11A:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-0118, approving the vacation of Alley Right of Way in block 29 of the original town. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11B:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-0119, amending the rental housing code and relocating said code and other sections of the City code to a newly created Title 16-Rental Housing and Property Maintenance Regulations.

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

Item 11C:

Susan Gerlach with Public Financial Management, the City's Financial Advisor for this issue, was present to review the bids received for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds Series 2020 and to make a recommendation for the award of this issue to UNB Bank of Kansas City. She stated there were 8 bids received and this was the lowest.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Resolution for the award of bid to UNB Bank of Kansas City, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11D:

Pulled from Agenda

Item 11E:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0126, resetting a public hearing for April 16, 2020, regarding amendment #1 to the City's FY 2019-2020 budget. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

Item 11F:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0127, resetting a public hearing for April 16, 2020, regarding City Budget for FY 2020/2021. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item 11G:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Request #2020-0128, setting a public hearing for April 16, 2020, regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for the Muscatine Municipal Airport Taxiway A. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11H:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0129, for a reuse agreement with Nestle Purina of Davenport. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

Item 11I:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request # 2020-0130, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$28,580.00, to Sampson Fence, for the installation of fencing at the soccer complex expansion area. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11J:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0131, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$13,916.00, to Nelson Electric, for the necessary electrical repairs to the Mississippi Harvest Statue Area. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

There was discussion regarding where the funding for this project that was addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes and Finance Director Nancy Lueck. They stated that Fema would cover 75%, the state would cover 10%, and the city would cover 15% (\$2087.00).

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

Item 11K:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0132, City of Muscatine COVID-19 Paid Time Off Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

There were questions regarding extending the policy and making it retroactive that were addressed by Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins. His recommendation was to leave policy as is and address as needed going forward.

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

11L:

Councilmember Jindrich requested the discussion regarding the pit bull ordinance be scheduled for the June In-Depth meeting, stating he would not be in town for the May In-Depth Meeting. There was discussion among City Council members and there was a consensus to set discussion for the June In-Depth meeting provided that meeting was able to be held in Council Chambers.

Councilmembers stated they appreciated everyone that was still going to work and encouraged everyone to follow government guidelines by staying home if you can.

Mayor Broderon discussed the in-depth meeting for April 9, 2020, asking department heads to present and changes with City services that are occurring due to the current COVID-19 Situation.

Councilmember Brackett stated he had been asked how the transit system would be dealing with passes and payment during this time.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated he would be getting the information out regarding the muscabus on Friday.

Councilmember Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator