

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – September 3, 2020

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

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday September 3, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Brackett, seconded by Councilmember Froelich, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-H: Petitions and Communications
- Item 9: From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-C: Receive and File

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

Public Hearing

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the vacation of four areas of right of way located in an area bound by Oak Street, Mad Creek, 3rd Street and 2nd Street.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the vacation of the four areas of right of way.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-0304, for the vacation of four areas of right of way located in an area bound by Oak Street, Mad Creek, 3rd Street and 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11B: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0305, authorizing the submission of a request for reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Local Government Relief Fund. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11C: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Resolution #2020-0306, for a change of authorized signers on the City bank accounts. This change was due to the starting of City Administrator Carol Webb. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11D: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0307, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$29,450.00, to CR Landscaping, for the riverfront restroom concrete apron repair. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11E: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0308, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$37,589.65, to CR Landscaping, for the replacement of the wooden fence adjacent to Spillway Lane along the trail. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding the use of a different type of fencing that would withstand the flooding issues that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes. Mr. Klimes stated that the City has a contract with the landowner stating the City would install and maintain a wooden fence. The owner will not agree to a different type of fencing.

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

11F: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0309, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$24,000.00, to CR Landscaping for the partial replacement of the chain link fence on the Muscatine Riverfront. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

11G: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0310, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$6,688.00, to Muscatine Lawn & Power, for a Toro 48” zero turn bagging mower for the Musser Public Library grounds. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11H: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0311, for the second half of Transit CARES ACT Funding contract for Capital Costs. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11I: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0312, for the second half of Transit CARES ACT Funding contract for operating costs. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11J: Finance Director, Nancy Lueck gave an updated presentation on the financial affects that COVID-19 has had on the City of Muscatine’s Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Lueck stated that financial impact was not as significant as originally expected, but continues to request departments to move forward with financial expenditures cautiously.

City Councilmembers gave a warm welcome to new City Administrator Carol Webb.

Councilmember Gordon stated the unveiling of the Muscatine County Freedom Rock would take place this weekend in Wilton.

Councilmember Brockert stated she would be resuming Riverbend Neighbors meetings at 6:30 P.M. at Musser Park.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman thanked Jim Edgmond for his help and dedication to the City of Muscatine and wished him well as he moves on to retirement.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator