

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 12, 2020

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, November 12, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present: Jindrich, Brockert, Brackett, Malcolm, Froelich, Gordon, and Hopkins.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2020-0361, vacating a portion of the undeveloped Lombard Street right of way adjoining 1009 E. 6th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon. Vote: Ayes -7, Nays-0, Motion carried.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2020-0362, vacating a portion of the unimproved Front Street (Mississippi Drive) right of way that directly adjoins the rear of the property at 1000 Hershey Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich. Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Melanie Alexander (Public Art Advisory Commission) gave a presentation regarding locations in Muscatine that are being considered for the display of public art. Ms. Alexander states that the Commission is looking for artist to paint murals on the Houser Street retaining wall and for artist to create a concept for the roundabout on Mulberry and 2nd Street.

Jeff Jirak (Muscatine Police Department) gave a presentation on the Juvenile Diversion Program. Mr. Jirak shared how the program was developed and shared the outcome of the program over the past two years.

Lindsey Phillips gave a presentation on the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program. Ms. Phillips shared how the program has adapted to continue to serve the needs of the community over the course of the pandemic and encouraged anyone interested in participating to contact her.

Laura Koch and Jeff Keith gave a presentation on the Muskie Food Pantry and Muskie Locker. They stated the food pantry serves over 350 families a month by handing out boxes of food on the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Muscatine School Board Office. Ms. Koch shared that the Muskie locker is for students that are in need of clothing items, personal items and school supplies. Ms. Koch encouraged volunteers to step up and help with this service.

Mayor Broderson followed up on regulations regarding COVID-19 precautions stating the Turkey Trot will be held with safety provisions in place, City Council would be returning to all virtual meetings until further notice and that effective Monday all City Hall offices with the exception of Finance and Human Resources would be closed to the public.

There was discussion among staff and City Council regarding the sale of bus tickets and passes should City Hall need to be completely shut down to the public.

Freedom Malek asked when the Pit Bull issue be brought before City Council. Mayor Broderson stated that it would not be until we can have full access to the Council Chambers and the public can attend.

Carol Webb, City Administrator, stated that the Police Department, Animal Control and herself had been working on possible code changes regarding vicious animals.

Councilmember Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:15

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Webb
City Administrator