

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
7:00 p.m. – JANUARY 7, 2021

Mayor Broderon called the City Council meeting for Thursday January 7, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Mayor Broderon swore in new firefighters Chance Sutherland, David Grafton, Brandon Rodrigues and Sean Paustian.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Jindrich, seconded by Councilmember Gordon, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A: Approval of City Council Minutes
  - Items 8 A-C: Petitions and Communications
  - Item 9 A: From the Mayor
  - Items 12 A-E: Receive and File
  - Bills for Approval Totaling \$1,452,416.07
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

**Public Hearing A**

Mayor Broderon stated this Public hearing concerns the vacation of unimproved alley right of way in block 7 of George Smalley's Addition to the City of Muscatine.

There were no oral or written comments from the public.

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

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

**From the Mayor**

Mayor Broderon read a proclamation for Muscatine Sister Cities Year

John Dabeet, Chair of the Muscatine Sister Cities was present to thank the City of Muscatine for its continued support of the Sister Cities Organization.

**From the City Administrator**

11A: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2021-0006 vacating the unimproved alley right of way located in Block 7 of George Smalley's Addition to the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11B: Item 11B was pulled from the agenda to obtain more information regarding the properties

to be declared surplus.

11C: Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0008, setting a public hearing on January 21, 2021, regarding the 2020/2021 Full Depth Patching Project. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

There were questions from City Council regarding 11C, 11D and 11E lists of streets and alleys to be repaired that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman. Mr. Stineman stated that this is the list from 2020/2021 that had been delayed due to COVID during the summer. Mr. Stineman stated a new list is on the budget list to be approved by City Council for 2021/2022.

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

11D: Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0009, setting a public hearing on January 21, 2021, regarding the 2020/2021 Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11E: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0010, setting a public hearing on January 21, 2021, regarding the 2020/2021 Hot Mix Asphalt Alley Overlay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

11F: Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0011, setting a public hearing on February 4, 2021 on the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11G: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2021-0012, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$10,894.79 for a Leica Solution GGO4 Rover, antenna and associated software to be used by the Right of Way Inspector. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11H: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2021-0014, for the annual 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11I: Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve Request #2021-0015, for the execution of a purchase agreement for 891 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11J: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2021-0016, for the issuance of a purchase order to Feld Fire in the amount of \$196,617.24 for the purchase of a 2021 Ambulance. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions from City Council regarding the equipment preinstalled on this ambulance and the lead time to get it in service that were addressed by Battalion Chief Ted Hillard.

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

Mayor Broderson stated that the City has had two serious snow events recently and thanked City staff for their around the clock work to get the streets cleared. Mayor Broderson asked Public Works Director Brian Stineman to give an overview of the processes of the snow crew and how the community could help to assist the removal of snow.

Mayor Broderson stated that Veterans Day, November 11, 2021 falls on a Thursday and asked for a consensus from City Council to cancel that meeting. There was a consensus from City Council.

Mayor Broderson opened discussion regarding the upcoming budget sessions and if they should be in person or virtually. There was a consensus from City Council to hold all budget meetings in person with the exception of the meeting planned for Thursday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> prior to City Council Meeting. This meeting will be held virtually. All in person meetings will be held at the Musser Public Library.

### **Communication from Council Members**

Councilmember Gordon Congratulated Stanley for their award on the design work for the MORC project.

Councilmember Brackett began reading a statement regarding the activities that took place in Washington DC on January 6, 2021.

Councilmembers Froelich, Hopkins and Jindrich expressed opposition to the reading of the statement due to the political content and stated it should not be allowed during the City Council Meeting of a nonpolitical organization.

Councilmember Brackett was granted the floor by the mayor and he proceeded with his statement.

Mayor Broderson stated that she would like to join with Councilmember Brackett and ask for prayer for our Country and stated that this Council was working together for the good of our City and would hope this could be spread to County and Country as well.

Councilmember Hopkins motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator