

CITY OF MUSCATINE
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
Virtual Meeting – February 2, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson called the meeting for the City Council's budget review session for Thursday, February 2, 2021, to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Malcolm, Brackett, Hopkins, Brockert, Froelich, Gordon and Jindrich.

Parks Administration

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the Parks Administration proposed budget. Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes gave an overview of activities throughout the year.

Parks Maintenance

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the Parks Administration Proposed budget.

Nick Gow was present to share a few of the projects that are being worked on or have been recently completed within the parks system.

There were questions from City Council regarding a new corporate shelter being built at Weed Park to accommodate large groups.

Aquatic Center

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the projected Aquatic Center budget.

Mr. Klimes stated the intentions were to open the aquatic center in 2021, and that the hiring process would begin soon for staffing.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding training for aquatic center staff, the cost of the training, and the possibility of being able to adapt for the use of credit/debit cards.

Recreation

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the projected Recreation budget.

Mr. Klimes stated this area was hit hard by COVID-19, but staff worked to put together a variety of programs that were safe, virtual, small groups etc. in order to be able keep the citizens involved and moving.

Soccer

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the projected soccer budget.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding bleachers for the fields, signage to the downtown area for the participating teams and information available regarding local businesses.

Kent Stein

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Kent Stein Budget.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes gave an overview of how the past season presented for Kent Stein Park. Mr. Klimes stated that once the ok was given to play ball the fields were booked solid and have already began to fill up for the upcoming year.

City Council had questions regarding the concession situation that Mr. Klimes addressed by stating that several proposals had been received and he would be bringing a contract to City Council in the near future.

Mayor Broderson had concerns regarding complaints she has received about issues around Bruner Field. Mr. Klimes stated that the City owns this field and it is contracted out to the school district. Mr. Klimes states that complaints should be addressed to the school district for Bruner Field.

Mayor Broderson had complaints from residents living on Onieda stating that heavy machinery was entering the park and tearing up the roads they live on. Nick Gow stated he is working with Public Works to take care of this situation.

Wellness

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Wellness Budget.

Cemetery

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Cemetery Budget.

There were questions from City Council regarding the office staff at the Cemetery and the cemetery steps that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes.

Golf Course/Clubhouse

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Golf Course Budget.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes answered questions from City Council regarding the golf simulator, youth programs and increased golf fee. There was a consensus from City Council to approve the increase in golf fees at the Municipal Golf Course.

Boat Harbor

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Boat Harbor Budget.

There were questions from City Council regarding the option of covered boat slips, the dredging process of the harbor and damage from the storms that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes.

Marina

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Marina Budget

There was discussion among City Council regarding the need for better credit card machine and possible self-service at the marina. Mr. Klimes stated it is against the law to have self-service gas pumps on Federal waterways.

Soccer Events

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the proposed Soccer Events Budget.

There was discussion regarding community help for running the College Search Kick-off event and more information available to those attending regarding local hotels, restaurants and shopping venues.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Webb, City Administrator