

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 16, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 16, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Officer Jason Nusbaum was sworn in by Mayor Hopkins.

#21934. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 Regular City Council meeting and the January 30-31, 2012 and February 1 and 4, 2012 Budget meetings. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#21935. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: First reading for a new Class C Liquor License for Francesca Vitale's at 128 E. 2nd Street - Francesca Vitale (pending inspections and receipt of final paperwork); request to add Native Wine Privileges for Pete's Tap at 1820 Angle Street - Oscar's LLC; renewal of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service for The Rendezvous at 3127 Lucas Street - Cindy's Rendezvous LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales Permit for Diamond Dave's Taco Co. at 2608 2nd Avenue - South of the Border Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class E Liquor License for Fareway Store Inc. #998 at 2100 Cedar Plaza Drive - Fareway Stores Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Wholesale Food Outlet #312 at 807 Grandview Avenue - Nash Finch Company (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Kum & Go #436 at 501 Cedar Street - Kum & Go LC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Kim & Go #487 at 709 Grandview Avenue - Kum & Go LC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class "C" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Loos Service Station at 711 Park Avenue - Loos Inc. (pending inspections); filing of communications A-F; and bills totaling \$1,296,455.50. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the proposed West Hill Area Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project – Phase I was not held because the project was removed from the agenda.

#21936. Councilmember LeRette moved the proclamations be adopted declaring March 11-17, 2012 as "Girl Scouts Week" and February 19-25, 2012 as "Alexander G. Clark Week". Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Deb Hunt, President of the Sister Cities Organization gave an update on activities to date as well as upcoming activities.

#21937. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat of the Schmidt's South Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Spread asked if there was any interest in moving the corporate limits.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated that at this time the property owner has no interest in doing so.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmember Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, Spread, LeRette, and Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

#21938. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed zoning change for a 15.029 acre area located at the southwest corner of the Mulberry Avenue/U.S. 61 Bypass intersection from R-1 Residential to S-3 Mixed Use for Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmember Spread, Phillips, Bynum, Shihadeh, Natvig, Fitzgerald and LeRette. Motion carried.

Item 11A pertaining to the West Hill Area Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project – Phase 1 was removed from the agenda.

#21939. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2012/2013 application for state and federal transit funds for Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#21940. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted accepting completed work for the project identified as “Renovate Municipal Hangar and T-Hangar Roofs” at the Municipal Airport and authorizing final payment to Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#21941. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed concession contract with Happy Joes Pizza for Kent Stein Park, Soccer Complex, and the Aquatic Center. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from Council concerning the agreement that were answered by staff.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#21942. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing concerning revisions to the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency’s Plan for Thursday, April 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#21943. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Lucas Communications in the amount of \$47,640.15 for new telephone systems for City Hall, Public Works, and the Art Center. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated this phone system is the same type of system at the Public Safety Building.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21944. Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize the purchase of a one-ton dump truck for Public Works from Krieger Motor Company in the amount of \$34,983. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#21945. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve an engineering services agreement with Martin & Whitacre in the amount of \$7,000 for the Harrison Street Extension Project. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#21946. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the Concept Plan Phase III Development Project for the Soccer Complex. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he felt this was an excellent project.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated the project once completed should generate more visitors to our community.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#21947. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the recreation and golf fees. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette thanked everyone who made China's Vice President Xi Jinping's visit to Muscatine a great success.

Councilmember Natvig echoed Councilmember LeRette's comments concerning the Chinese Vice President.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the bridge lights were functioning.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated there was nothing new to report at this time.

Councilmember Natvig stated the parts that were ordered have been received so repairs should begin soon.

City Administrator Mandsager recognized the Girl Scouts who remained for the entire meeting.

Mayor Hopkins stated that the City of Muscatine is now known throughout the world due to Vice President Xi Jinping's visit to our community.

#21948. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk