

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – October 1, 2020

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday October 1, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Broderson presented life saving awards to Officer Casey Jensen, Officer Jolisa Coleman, Officer Whitney Pena, officer Mark Schollmeyer, and Corporal Matt Fowler.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A: Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Items 8 A-I: Petitions and Communications
 - Item 9A-B: From the Mayor
 - Items 12 A-C: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval Totaling \$7,647,996,89
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

Public Hearing

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the rezoning of 304 Iowa Ave. (Former Musser Public Library) from R-5 Multi Family Residence to C-2 Central Commercial. There were no written or oral comments from the public.

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

Vote: All Ayes

From the Mayor

Mayor Broderson read United Nations Proclamation and Live United Proclamation.

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the third and final 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 Gordon.

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

11B: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0328, conveying vacated right-of-way to adjacent property owner HNI. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11C: Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2020-0329,

approving the rezoning of 304 Iowa Avenue from R-5 Multi Residential to C-2 Central Commercial. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11D: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0330, setting a public hearing on a lease of a portion of the undeveloped portion of Lombard Street right-of-way adjoining 1009 E. 6th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

There were questions from City Council members regarding why the property was being leased rather than being sold.

Assistant Community Development Director Andrew Fangman stated that the intention of Midwest Property Holdings is to purchase the property but for expediency, the lease was created in order for construction on that area to begin immediately. Mr. Fangman states that at this time the City will be moving forward to prepare for the sale of said property.

There were concerns from City Council that Midwest Property Holdings would choose to rent the property for the 99 years of the lease rather than purchase and asked that the contract stated the property would be purchased in a timely manner.

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

11E: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0331, accepting the completed work on the Airport Hangar and Apron Construction Project and to authorize the final payment to SG Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11F: Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2020-0332, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Thomas Bus Sales for the purchase of one light duty bus. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11G: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0333, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Decco Electric for services to move the Sunset Lift Station panel above ground to prevent damage due to flooding. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

There was questions from City Council regarding the deferment of the Canon lift station pump that were addressed by WRRF Director Jon Koch.

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

11H: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0334, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Feld Fire for the purchase of 41 SCBA packs, 41 Masks and 82 SCBA cylinders. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11I: Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2020-0335, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Heuer Construction, Inc for the full depth concrete repair of identified patches on Cedar Street, Ford Avenue and Evans Street. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

There were questions from City Councilmembers regarding the timeline of the project that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

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

11J: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0336, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Taylor Ridge Paving for the mill and overlay of three inches of hot mix asphalt on Leroy Street from Mulberry to Amherst Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11K: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0337, updating the DOT Title VI Assurances with the new City Administrator information. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays - 0

11L: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0338, authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to Powers Resource Center for professional facilitation services and travel expenses. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Communication from Council Members

Councilmember Hopkins read a letter from the Iowa League of Cities regarding the Legislative Service Award to Iowa Senator Mark Lofgren.

Councilmember Jindrich thanked Keep Muscatine Beautiful and Musco for a successful Almost Friday Fest.

Councilmember Brockert asked Public Works Director Brian Stineman to give an update on Fletcher Hill. Mr. Stineman stated the hill is still moving with groundwater seeping out. He stated he would like to get workers to start clearing some of the area but under the current conditions is still concerned about worker safety but will continue to monitor.

Councilmember Malcolm stated that not enough money was raised for the placement of the City flag on the mini pitch field and that all money collected would be returned to donators.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would like information regarding the discontinuation of Cable Television Services at the Clark House.

Councilmember Brackett stated Stinky’s House of Horrors will be doing a downsized version of the annual haunted house canned food drive this year and encouraged citizens to participate and donate for the local food pantry.

Mayor Broderson stated October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month and encouraged citizens to paint their pinky’s purple for the month.

Mayor Broderson stated the “Our City” show has started up once again and this weeks guest was Cheryl Plan from Vision 2020. She stated next weeks guest would be Dustin Joy with the Pearl Button Museum.

Mayor Broderson stated Trick or Treating would be October 31st from 5:30-7:30.

Mayor Broderson stated that City Council would be entering closed session.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to enter closed session Per Iowa Code 21.5.1.j to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Mayor Broderson called closed session to order at 7:52 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett. Also present were City Administrator Carol Webb, Administrative Professional Cinda Hilger, and Public Works Director Brian Stineman. City Attorney Matt Brick was present via phone.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

Councilmember Brackett motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:13.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator