

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – April 15, 2021

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday April 15, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

The Council meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A-D: Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Item 8 A Petitions and Communication
 - Item 9A-C From the Mayor
 - Items 12 A-B: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval Totaling \$6,558,908.25
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried.

From the Mayor

Mayor Broderson read and presented a proclamation for Earth Day.

Sandy Stanley, Clean Air Muscatine President, was present to thank the Mayor and to encourage the enjoyment and preservation of our planet.

Mayor Broderson read and presented a proclamation on Drinking Water Week.

Ryan Streck, Director of Utility Service Delivery was present to thank the Mayor and to thank the workers for keeping safe water available to our community.

Mayor Broderson read and presented a proclamation for Work Zone Week.

Public Hearing

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the approval of annual application for State and Federal transit Funds.

There were no oral or written comments.

Councilmember Brockert, Seconded by Councilmember Gordon moved the public hearing closed.

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

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0124, approving the annual application for State and Federal Transit Funds. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11B: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0125, approving the contract

and bond for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project – Phase 5 (Hagerty Earthworks). Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

11C: Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0126, approving the contract and bond for the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project (Heuer Construction). Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11D: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0127, Igniting Vitality through Workforce Housing as the City of Muscatine’s Housing Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11E. Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0128, authorizing the assessment of unpaid nuisance abatement and rental housing fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11F. Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0129, setting a hearing on the proposed disbursement of Community Development Block Grant Funds. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11G. Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-0139, approving the proposed 2022 Seasonal Pay Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Councilmember Hopkins stated he did not feel that this pay increase was enough for the work. There were questions from City Council regarding the prior amounts and the reason for changing the pay plan that were addressed by HR Manager Stephanie Romagnoli.

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

11H. Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2021-0130 for an agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry to provide economic development services. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11I. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2021-0131, amending the contract to assist with construction services for Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11J. Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2021-0132, setting dates for the free Transfer Station electronics and tire drop off for Muscatine residents. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

There was questions from City Councilmembers regarding the plans for communication of these dates to the public that were addressed by Solid Waste Manager David Popp.

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

11K. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2021-0133, for the issuance of a purchase order to Continental Fire Sprinkler Company for Transfer Station sprinkler piping replacement. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11L. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2021-0134, declaring 32 self-contained breathing apparatus units as surplus property and authorizing the donation of 9 SCBA's and 18 bottles to the Letts Fire Dept. The remaining pieces will be put on the public auction. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

11M. Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2021-0135 for a professional services agreement with Martin & Whitacre for the design and preparation of construction documents of the 67th Ave West Sidewalk Improvement project. . Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11N. Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2021-0136 for the issuance of a purchase order to Midwest Injections for digester cleaning services. . Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11O. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2021-0137, for the issuance of a purchase order to Brentwood Industries for the purchase of Roughing Filter Panel Covers. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

11P. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2021-0138, for TAX Increment Financing Assistance for a 40-unit apartment complex – Northport Apartments. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Andrew Fangman, Assistant Community Development Director and Chris Ales, were present to share information regarding the proposed project.

There were questions from City Council regarding the installation of sidewalks, size of the apartments, rental fees for the apartments and how this would fit into the new Housing Plan that were addressed by Mr. Fangman and Mr. Ales.

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

11Q. Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2021- 0146, authorizing the submittal of an application for Airport Department of Transportation grant.

Vote: Ayes – Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Communication

Councilmember Brockert stated that the Riverbend neighbors would be meeting Monday April 19, 2021 at Taylor Park Shelter at 6:15.

Councilmember Malcolm stated he was still seeking donations for the City Flag at the Mini Pitch project.

Mayor Broderson stated on Thursday April 22, 2021 the State of the City Presentation would be aired for the public.

Councilmember Hopkins moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator