

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – JANUARY 6, 2022

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for Thursday January 6, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich, Froelich and Lewis.

Councilmember Osborne arrived at 7:20 p.m.

The Council meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bark swore in Firefighter Brandon Rheingans.

Larry Kent, 1007 Dolivar Street, was present to request information regarding the status of his request to allow the use of his over the road vehicle on City streets.

Consent Agenda

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

- Item 6 A Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-D Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-B Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$2,098,580.02

Vote: Ayes-6, Nays -0, Absent-1(Osborne) Motion carried.

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding changes to the Flood Plain Regulations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency requested that the City revise the City's Floodplain management regulations, which are contained in Title 10, Chapter 4 and 5 of City Code.

Councilmember Gordon moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brockert,

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Osborne) Motion carried.

From the Mayor

Mayor Bark stated he was appointing Councilmember Froelich as Mayor Pro-Tem

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2022-0005, revising Title 10, Chapter 4 Flood Plain Districts and Chapter 5 Flood Channel District. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Osborne) Motion carried.

11B. Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2022-0006, supporting a goal

setting report for 2022-2023. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1 (Osborne) Motion carried.

11C: Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request #2022-0007, for change orders #7 and #8 for the Grandview Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Councilmember Froelich stated that the cost of change order #8 would be reimbursed by Muscatine Power and Water.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Osborne) Motion carried.

11D: Item D was pulled from agenda

11E: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2022-0009, for an interagency agreement with the Department of Inspections and Appeals for the Municipal Housing Agency. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions from City Council regarding the equipment included in this purchase that were addressed by Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman.

Mr. Hartman stated the ambulance would come equipped with a power load system and the other equipment and supplies would be transferred from the old ambulance to the new ambulance.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent – 1(Osborne) Motion carried.

11F: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2022-0010, for a change of authorized signers for the Transit Contract. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Absent -1(Osborne) Motion carried.

11G: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2022-0011, for a purchase order to Feld Fire in the amount of \$209,313.15 for the purchase of a 2021 Demo Ambulance. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

Councilmember Communication

Councilmember Gordon stated that there would be information forthcoming in the following meetings regarding changes to the animal control ordinance. Ms. Gordon asked that due to recent events that a pause on the enforcement of the breed specific ban be temporarily paused pending changes in the animal code.

Mayor Bark asked for a consensus to have the City Administrator bring back a motion at the next meeting to pause enforcement of the breed specific ban.

Councilmember Lewis stated she was in favor.

Councilmember Froelich stated he was against suspending the code.

Councilmember Brockert stated she would be in favor with stipulations.

Councilmember Jindrich stated he was against suspending the code.

Councilmember Osborne stated he would be in favor of discussion regarding suspending the code.

Councilmember Gordon was in favor of suspending the code.

City Administrator Webb will prepare a potential motion and research legal and practical issues involved in suspending this code.

Mayor Bark shared information with citizens regarding the upcoming Community Survey.

Mayor Bark made a motion to appoint Councilmember Hopkins and Councilmember Brockert to the Nominating Committee.

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

Mayor Bark stated the nominating committee would be meeting to appoint members to other committees and to contact him with the committees they would be interested in.

Councilmember Froelich moved to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.9 allowing for a non-open meeting to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employee of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under Chapter 20. Employment conditions include all the areas allowed under union negotiations – including evaluation procedures. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

Councilmember Hopkins moved to exit closed session, seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

Councilmember Froelich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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Mayor Brad Bark

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator