

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – May 5, 2022

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for Thursday May 5, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Lt. Gregory Bock gave the Invocation. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Gordon, Jindrich, Osborne, Brockert, Froelich and Lewis.

Fire Island Robotics team from Muscatine were present to give a special presentation of the flag for the pledge of allegiance. Members of the team shared about their experiences going to world competition as part of the robotics team.

Consent Agenda

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

- Item 6 A Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-N Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-D Receive and File
- Bills for Approval Totaling \$1,910,655.28.

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

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held regarding a proposed zoning change for the 1900 Block of Stewart Road.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

From the Mayor

A. Mayor Bark read and presented a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day to Assistant Chief Steve Snider.

B. Mayor Bark read and presented a proclamation for Historic Presentation Month to Devin Pettit from the Historic Preservation Committee.

C Mayor Bark read and presented a proclamation for Emergency Management Services Week to Fire Chief Jerry Ewers.

D. May Bark read and presented a proclamation for National Public Works Week to Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

From the City Administrator

11A: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2022-0162, prohibiting the placement of cargo containers in residential areas, and requiring that cargo

containers currently placed in residential areas comply with specific standards. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

There were questions and discussion regarding the use of vegetation as fencing, height of fencing, cost of fencing and frequency of painting cargo containers that were addressed by staff.

Rich Havell, 1208 Lincoln Blvd stated that the cost of fencing would financially strap some residents and that the containers look nice when painted to match the home.

Councilmember Gordon made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the ordinance with an understanding that Section C2d, requiring fencing around cargo containers, would be removed, prior to the third and final reading. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

Original Motion as amended: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11B. Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2022-0163, amending Title 16, Chapter 8 of City Code regarding Weed and Vegetation Management. Seconded by Councilmember Osborne.

There was discussion among City Council regarding the setback from sidewalk for prairie grass being changed to 42”.

Jean Clark, 1221 Mulberry was present to share her concerns with City Council regarding the Weed and Vegetation regulations. Ms. Clark stated she has a steep embankment and that she has planted prairie grass on the hill. Ms. Clark also asked Council to consider “No Mow May” in the future and to increase the notice period for yards to include two weekends.

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

11C. Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-0133, establishing Vacant Property and Non-Residential Property Maintenance Regulations in Title 16, Chapter 5 of City Code. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11D. Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-0134, striking Title 6, Chapter 9 of City Code regarding the keeping of Pit Bull dogs. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

Vote: Ayes – 5, Nays – 2(Froelich, Jindrich) Motion carried.

11E. Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-0184, regarding zoning changes for the 1900 block of Stewart Road. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11F. Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution 2022-0185, awarding a contract to Heuer Construction, Inc. for the widening of a portion of the taxilane at the Muscatine Municipal Airpot. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11G. Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution 2022-0186, setting the date for a public hearing on Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 City Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

11H. Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution 2022-0187, setting the date for the

sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022, and authorizing the use of the preliminary official statement in connection therewith. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

11I. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2022-0188 for the issuance of a purchase order to Manatt’s in the amount of \$54,590.25, for the installation of a trail connection at Musser Park as part of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine South End Improvement Fund Projects. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11J. Councilmember Lewis moved to approve Request #2022-0189 for the issuance of a purchase order to Ed Morse Automotive Group, in the amount of \$29,600, for the purchase of a GMC Sierra 4x4 truck for the Park Maintenance Division. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11K. Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2022-0190 to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Watersmith Engineering, not to exceed \$6,100.00 to design the City Hall Entrance Step Repair Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

11L. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Watersmith Engineering, not to exceed \$36,200.00 to design the Lake Park Blvd Stormwater Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Lewis.

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

11M. Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve a change in the contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to provide addition material testing services above and beyond what was in the original contract. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11N. Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Ed Morse Auto Group, in the amount of \$25,045, for the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Equinox for the Community Development Department. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11O. Councilmember Froelich moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Deery Brothers, in the amount of \$28,628.00 for the purchase of a 2022 Toyota Pickup for the Community Development Department. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

11P. Councilmember Lewis moved to approve a request to enter a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$109,630.00 for the Water Resource Recovery Facility Capital Improvement Planning Project. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

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

11Q. This Item was pulled from the agenda.

11R. Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request 2020-0197, for change order #2 for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project Phase 5 by \$12,224.70. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

Councilmember Communication

Councilmember Gordon requested a consensus from City Council to extend the free 1 year pet registration until July 1, 2022. There was discussion for and against extending the free registration period among Councilmembers.

City Administrator Webb stated she would like to put this on the May 19th agenda for a vote by City Council.

Councilmember Froelich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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Mayor Brad Bark

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator