

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – May 1, 2014

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 1, 2014, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joni Axel, Blue Zones Community Program Manager, presented the city with a plaque recognizing the City of Muscatine for achieving the Blue Zones Community Policy. She then provided an update on activities that have taken place to date.

John Wunder, representing Larry See of Eldridge, Iowa, who received a nuisance abatement notice for property he owns at 306 Canon Avenue, stated he feels the City Code should state exactly what should or should not be allowed on private property. He stated that Mr. See is willing to clean the property up and mow the grass. He stated that as an attorney, he feels the ordinance is too vague to enforce.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that no action by City Council will affirm that City Council is in agreement with the Nuisance Abatement Notice that was sent to Mr. See.

#22831. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes of April 17, 2014
- Second reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License for LIB International, 1919 Grandview Avenue – LIB International (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Pizza Ranch Muscatine, 106 Ford Avenue – Psychodog Enterprise Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Elly’s Tea & Coffee House, LLC, 208 West 2nd Street #8 – Elly’s Tea & Coffee House LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 203 Lake Park Blvd. – Max Brewer Corp. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Smokin’ Joe’s Tobacco and Liquor Outlet #16, 1504 Park Avenue – The Outlet Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #438, 1429 Park Avenue – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Walgreens #05885, 1703 Park Avenue – Walgreen Co. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 522 Mulberry Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for El Allende, 1107 Grandview Avenue – El Allende Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Circle K #6600, 802 Cypress Street – Mac’s Convenience Stores LLC (pending inspection and insurance); and renewal of a Class “A” Liquor License, Outdoor Sales and Sunday Sales for Veterans Of Foreign Wars Club, Inc., 1415 Grandview Avenue – Veterans of Foreign Wars Club Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Approval of use of city property for Muscatine Area Farmers Market beginning May 3, 2014 and ending October 25, 2014 in the parking lot at the corner of 3rd and Cedar streets from 6 a.m. to noon
- Approval of request from Muscatine Community Schools for use of city property for Road Race/Walk in May 3, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Approval of request from Duffy DeFrance for use of city property for a Book House Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 2208 New Hampshire Street on May 22, 2014 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. with a rain date of May 23, 2014
- Approval of request from Guadalajara for on-street dining in front of 208 E. 2nd Street
- Approval of request from Geneva Golf & Country Club to dispense fireworks in August 9, 2014
- Adoption of proclamations declaring May 2014 as “Motorcycle Awareness Month” and “National Preservation Month” and May 11-17, 2014 as “National Police Week” and May 14, 2014 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”
- Filing of Communications 12A-C
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,474,894.69

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22832. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 City Budget for Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22833. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted awarding the General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2014, to UMB Bank, N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri, in the amount of \$2,612,852.50. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck introduced Suzanne Gerlach from Public Financial Management Inc.

Ms. Gerlach stated she was pleased to announce that the city maintained its bond rating of Aa2 which is why she feels the city was able to receive so many bids on the bond issue. She stated the interest rate came in at 1.79% which means the city is basically borrowing \$2.7 million for less than 2%.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if the interest amount was less than anticipated.

Ms. Gerlach answered yes and stated the estimate had been around 3%.

Councilmember Natvig stated he felt this was good news for the city.

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

#22834. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved the resolution be adopted endorsing airport projects and certifying the availability of matching funds. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22835. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the professional services agreement with Anderson-Bogert for engineering and/or land surveying at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked about the city’s history with this engineering firm.

Community Development Director Steve Boka stated the city has been utilizing this firm for more than 20 years. He stated that four submittals were received and they were all on the same playing surface. He stated there was no pressing reason to change to a different firm. He stated the city has been very pleased with their work.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22836. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Martin & Whitacre in the amount of \$5,270 for the design of the Geneva Creek Bank Stabilization Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Natvig asked what the estimated cost of the project will be.

City Engineer Jon Lutz stated the estimate is somewhere around \$50,000. He stated that existing stone will be used to stabilize the creek bed which is shifting and causing debris to build up under the bridge.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Rehwaldt, speaking in reference to the favorable interest rates received on the bond issue, asked if the city could take advantage of the favorable interest rates for projects coming up next year.

City Administrator Mandsager stated Council could look at Capital Improvement Projects that do not have targeted funds.

Councilmember Phillips stated she really appreciated Spring Cleanup Week.

City Administrator Mandsager stated projects underway are moving along smoothly.

#22837. Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator