

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – July 17, 2014

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, July 17, 2014, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22894. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council minutes of July 3, 2014 and In-Depth City Council minutes of July 10, 2014
- Renewal of a Class “B” Beer and Sunday Sales for China Garden, 2016 Cedar Plaza Drive – China Garden at Cedar Plaza Inc. (pending inspections and insurance) and renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit, Class “C” Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Pete’s Tap, 1820 Angle Street – Oscar’s LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
- Approval of Use of City Property for Diversity Service Center for International Fair at Pearl City Station and Parking Lot on September 7, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Approval of Use of City Property for Muscatine Running Club’s 37<sup>th</sup> Watermelon Stampede 5K and 10K Race on August 16, 2014 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Filing of Communications 12A
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,578,873.41

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22895. Councilmember Bynum moved to adopt the resolution authorizing changes to the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Rehwaldt stated the information provided with the City Council agenda shows that in 2012 approximately 84% of the rental inspections failed. He stated this resolution would change inspections from annual to biennial. He stated he feels now is not the time to have units inspected less often.

Councilmember Spread stated it was his understanding the inspections were complaint based.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the units are expected annually but are also inspected based on complaints received.

Assistant Housing Administrator Kaitlyn Love stated the 84% referred to was all inspections, complaints, and new units. She stated that when inspections fail, it means there is at least one thing wrong with the unit. She stated that when a landlord does not show up for an inspection, it is considered a failed inspection. She listed other issues that cause an inspection to fail. She stated housing staff is comfortable with tonight’s request.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if this change is going to help or hinder the program. He questioned how units were going to be kept up to code. He stated he does not see how going every other year is going to be a benefit.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that if Council adopts the resolution, staff will be able to redirect funding that will allow the city to allocate more toward the maintenance of city-owned facilities.

Ms. Love stated that no property is brought on the program without it being inspected first.

Councilmember Spread stated the Section 8 Vouchers go to the tenant and every time a property has a new tenant, a new inspection of the unit is done.

Ms. Love stated she was comfortable with this policy change. She stated that HUD is not offering much in the way of financial relief and this is what is being offered now.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if the benefit to the city would be the cost saving.

City Administrator Mandsager stated there will be a cost saving and the re-allocation of staff time.

There was further discussion on the Section 8 Voucher program.

Vote – Three ayes: Councilmembers Natvig, Spread, and Bynum. Three nays: Councilmembers Shihadeh, Fitzgerald, and Rehwaldt. Motion failed.

#22896. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for the 2014 Asphalt Overlay Project for Thursday, August 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22897. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted establishing a Pass-Through Trust for money in the Nationwide Post Employment Health Plan to accounts at ICMA-RC. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22898. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted accepting completed work for the T-Hangar Drainage Project at the Municipal Airport and authorizing final payment to Muscatine Bridge Company. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22899. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the Letter of Understanding with McGladrey LLP for the fiscal year 2013/2014 audit. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22900. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Physio Control in the amount of \$216,959.40 for the purchase of six new cardiac monitors, four new CPR Lucas devices, and two wireless modems for the cardiac monitors. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Spread asked how often this equipment needs to be replaced.

Fire Chief Jerry Ewers stated it should be replaced every 7 to 10 years. He stated the city's equipment is approximately 14 to 15 years old and by the end of the year will no longer be eligible for maintenance services. He stated there will be a 3% increase in August or September which would put this purchase over the Fire Department's budgeted amount.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22901. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Fire Department's new Ambulance Service Fee Schedule. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22902. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office and the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22903. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to declare two tractors at the Water Pollution Control Plant as surplus and to accept the low bid for a 2014 Case Magnum 280 CVT from H.D. Cline Co. in the amount of \$32,000. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, City Administrator Mandsager stated there is now a temporary railroad crossing at Iowa Avenue. He stated the railroad is working toward making improvements as promised.

Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson stated she was going to miss working Community Development Steve Boka who is retiring effective July 18, 2014.

Mayor Hopkins, speaking on behalf of the City Council, wished Mr. Boka a happy retirement.

Public Works Director Randy Hill read a resolution recognizing Steve Boka's years of service with the City of Muscatine.

Mr. Boka stated it is nice that after all of years with the City of Muscatine there is still levity involved. He stated the employees of the City of Muscatine are a great group of folks to work with. He stated that he would be in on Friday; however, after that he was done. He stated he appreciated everyone's efforts.

#22904. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator