

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 18, 2014

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 18, 2014, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Phillips.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22953. Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council minutes of September 4, 2014 and In-Depth minutes of September 11, 2014
- Renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Aldi Inc. #05, 3200 Northport Drive – Aldi Inc. (pending inspections); Outdoor Service Permit for Boonie’s on the Avenue, 214 Iowa Avenue – Boonie’s on the Avenue LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Native Wine Permit for Flowers on the Avenue, 1138 East 9th Street – Flowers on the Avenue (pending inspections); and renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue – R & D Operations Ltd. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request approved Boonie’s on the Avenue for Use of City Property for Golf Award Presentations/Street Dance on October 4, 2014
- Proclamation Declaring October 5-11, 2014 as “Public Power Week”
- Filing of Communication 12A
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,854,878.85

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22954. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the intent to acquire or condemn if necessary all or a portion of property or an interest in property for the public improvement for the Muscatine Sanitary Landfill Project for Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked why there was a delay in the public hearing.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated it was a technical issue pertaining to the service of the notice to the landowner.

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

#22955. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted awarding the contract for the Forest Parkway Reconstruction Project to Heuer Construction in the amount of \$163,526.34. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#22956. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted approving a subordination agreement for 407 McKinley Street. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#22957. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the annual City Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if this report is consistent with the budget.

Finance Director Lueck stated the report reflects a larger amount due to the Colorado and Cedar street projects. She explained what information is included in this report.

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

#22958. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#22959. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve Change Order #2 for the West Hill Storm Sewer Separation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22960. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the installation of “No Parking” on the south side of Orchard Avenue between Union Street and Park Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22961. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the three-year Engineering Services Agreement with Barker Lemar Engineering for the Muscatine Sanitary Landfill at a total compensation cost of \$52,750. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22962. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant for the purchase of a powerhead assembly for the #4 pump at the Mad Creek Lift Station from Zimmer and Francescon in the amount of \$15,935. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22963. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant to purchase an ISCO Influent Flow Sampler from GPM in the amount of \$6,539. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22964. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the request from Muscatine Sister Cities for the establishment of an International Friendship Park on the southwest corner of 8th and Cedar streets. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Mary Beveridge of 1416 Mulberry Avenue voiced her concerns about the location of the park. She stated she is in favor of the park; however, she does not feel this is the appropriate location due to parking issues, distraction of the drivers, and congestion in the area.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if Sister Cities had looked at any other sites.

John Dabeet, representing Sister Cities, stated that sites at Weed Park and on Driver Drive had been considered. He stated he does not feel a lot of traffic will be generated in this area and he hopes it is a park that everyone will enjoy. He stated most of the visits to the park will occur when Sister Cities delegations are visiting our city.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated this corner will never be used for anything and that this would be a beautification project for that area. He stated landscaping will be low maintenance and that the sign will be located closer to the interior of the park. He stated that snow removal is already done by the city.

Councilmember Natvig asked why the riverfront did not work out.

Mr. Dabeet stated the location on the riverfront required constant landscaping due to flooding issues.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked who would be providing maintenance at the new location.

Mr. Dabeet stated that the landscaping used will be low maintenance.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22965. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the grant agreement from the Iowa Department of Transportation for the connector road at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Rehwaldt thanked Public Works Director Randy Hill and his staff for making the gateway to our city beautiful again.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the City Council's goal setting session is scheduled for October 23, 2014 at 5 p.m. in the lower level conference room of City Hall.

City Administrator Mandsager, speaking in reference to the Wal-View proposed TIF agreement, stated there is a possibility Muscatine County Revolving Loan funds can be utilized. He stated the proposed agreement would likely have a provision for the local match.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if that was an appropriate use of the revolving loan funds.

City Administrator Mandsager answered yes explaining how the funds will be used. He stated that if the funds are not used, there is the potential for losing them.

Mayor Hopkins stated he received a call from the Marketing Manager for the Canadian-Pacific Railroad who stated the Holiday Train will be in Muscatine on December 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. He asked about the possibility of holding the City Council meeting earlier in the day or moving it to another day.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if it was necessary to hold the meeting or if it could be held earlier in the day.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the meeting could be held earlier or not be held at all. He stated he would let City Council know if a meeting is necessary.

#22966. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator