

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 2, 2015

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 2, 2015, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22889. Councilmember Bynum, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – January 15, 2015 and City Council Budget Minutes for January 29, 2015, January 31, 2015, and February 2, 2015
- First reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License for Saints Mary and Mathias School Home and School Association, 5801 Grandview Avenue – Saints Mary and Mathias Church (pending inspections and insurance); first and second reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Rose Bowl, 1411 Grandview Avenue – Rosebros LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Pizza Hut, 2512 Park Avenue – Pizza Hut of Muscatine Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Class “E” Liquor License for Fareway Stores Inc. #998, 2100 Cedar Plaza Drive – Fareway Stores Inc. (pending inspections); first and second reading for a new Class “B” Native Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Curry’s Express Mart, 4804 Hwy 61 North – Curry’s Express Mart Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License for Francesca Vitale’s, 128 East 2nd Street – The Sicilian Pizza and Subs LLC (pending inspections and Insurance); and renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Samz Sports Bar, 103 Ford Avenue – Noe Sanchez (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for April Run Against Cancer on April 18, 2015
- Request Approve for Use of City Property for Melon City Criterium Bicycle Race on May 24, 2015
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for 4th of July Activities
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for 4th of July Parade
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for Great River Days Celebration on July 26, 2015 through August 2, 2015
- Request Approved for Use of City Property for HNI Corporation Picnic on August 16, 2015
- Request Approving Revitalization Property Tax Abatements
- Filing of Communications A-F
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,942,369.19

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation – Phase III Project.

Karmen Hein of Stanley Consultants gave a power point on the proposed project. She gave background information on the project and an explanation on the purpose of the project as follows:

- Part of a multiple phase, long-term project
- Sewer separation and elimination of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the West Hill Area
- City has been working for decades on sewer separation throughout the community
- EPA Consent Order – Formalized in 2007 to comply with the Clean Water Act
- Separation in West Hill to be completed by 2028
- West Hill Phases 1-2 – Constructed between 2012-2014
- With completion of Phases 1-2, city is at 21% in separating West Hill

Ms. Hein stated that Phase 3 will consist of Phase 3A which includes Chestnut, 5th, Pine, and 7th streets, and Broadway; Phase 3B which includes 5th, Linn, Spruce, and Locust streets; and Phase 3C which includes 4th Street Park area, Cherry Lane, Broadway, and 5th and Sycamore streets. She stated this phase of the project will include separation of sanitary and storm sewer pipes, full width pavement replacement, sidewalk, and sodding, and the taking of the excavated trench material to the ravine fill site off 8th Street.

Ms. Hein stated that at its February 19, 2015 City Council meeting, Council will be asked to approve the plans and specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and set the bid opening date for the project. She stated that Phase 3A construction is scheduled for May through December 2015; Phase 3B construction for March through December 2016; and Phase 3C construction for March through December 2017.

Ms. Hein stated that construction cost estimates are \$1.6 million for Phase 3A, \$2 million for Phase 3B, and \$2.4 million for Phase 3C. She stated that city will be utilizing the One Cent Local Option Tax.

Ms. Hein stated that Muscatine Power & Water has provided an alternate bid of \$1 million for water main improvements located throughout the three phases.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager noted that by having Muscatine Power & Water participate in the bid process and complete reconstruction of water mains in the project area is a major change in process and should save the tax and rate payers significantly.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed project.

#22890. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed Dredge Line Mad Creek Extension Project.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed project.

#22891. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

#22892. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the Dredge Line Mad Creek Extension Project. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22893. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs totaling \$17,687.65 to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig stated it was great to see the applications for the housing tax abatement.

Councilmember Shihadeh reminded the public that the city's budget session is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. for those interested in attending. He stated they are held in the lower level conference room of City Hall.

#22894. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator