

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

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, April 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.

Mayor Hopkins welcomed Boy Scout Troop #783 to the City Council meeting.

#22944. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes for March 19, 2015
- First reading for a new Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Creations by Oz, 110 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Jeff Osborne (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Casey’s General Store #2944, 3010 University Drive – Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Pizza Ranch Muscatine, 106 Ford Avenue – Psychodog Enterprises Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “A” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Muscatine Lodge No. #388, 207 Lake Park Blvd. – Muscatine Lodge (pending inspections and insurance)
- Proclamation Declaring April 2015 as “Sexual Assault and Alcohol Awareness Month”
- Filing of Communications A-C
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,106,875.82

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed rezoning of property at Fletcher and Hershey Avenue.

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

#22945. Councilmember Spread moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hopkins stated a public was being held concerning the proposed submission of the annual application for state and federal transit funding.

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

#22946. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning a proposed transit fare rate increase.

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

#22947. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22948. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 1 Administrative, Chapter 6 Mayor and City Council, Section 2 Salary of Mayor and Section 5 Salary of City Council. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22949. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property in the City of Muscatine from R-3 Single Family Residential to R-5 Multi-Family (Fletcher and Hershey Avenue). Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22950. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of the annual application for state and federal transit funds. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22951. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved the resolution be adopted approving the transit fare rate increases. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Bynum asked for clarification of each of the rate increases.

Transit Supervisor Kristy Korpi stated that Route #4 runs the same circuit every day with stops every 30 minutes. She stated the rate is currently \$.75 and will increase to \$1.

Ms. Korpi stated ParaTransit is for riders who are disabled both intellectually and physically. She stated the current rate is \$1 and will be increased to \$2. She stated that riders are picked up and dropped off in front of their homes.

Ms. Korpi stated that the JARC and New Freedom rides are currently \$1 and will be increased to \$2.

Ms. Korpi stated the Shell run, which runs Monday through Friday, picks up children who live in Muscatine but go to L-M. The current fee is \$1 and will be increased to \$1.50.

Councilmember Rehwaldt complimented the transit service stating the drivers are very courteous.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22952. Councilmember Spread moved to authorize the purchase of a refuse collection truck chassis from Twin Bridges Truck City in the amount of \$130,681.94. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22953. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to authorize the purchase of a refuse collection truck packer from Elliott Equipment in the amount of \$109,509 with a trade-in deduction of \$27,500 for a final purchase price of \$82,009. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked when the truck will be received.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated it would take approximately 10 months.

Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois gave a brief overview on the timeline for getting the entire city changed over to automated recycling.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22954. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant to purchase the Antero Maintenance Data and Operator 10 software from Allmax Software Inc. for \$10,197. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if this purchase was a budgeted item.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it was part of the amended budget that was approved by City Council.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig stated he was glad to see the scouts at the meeting.

City Administrator Mandsager highlighted the items on the April In-Depth meeting.

Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson stated she was glad to see everyone present at the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Mayor Hopkins also wished everyone a Happy Easter.

#22955. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 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