

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – August 20, 2015

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 20, 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 introduced Emily Lofgren as the new Communications Manager.

Cory Daufeldt of Muscatine introduced his son Hayden who has been undergoing cancer treatments. He thanked City Council in advance for their adoption of the proclamation declaring September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

#23097. Councilmember Shihadeh, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes for August 6, 2015
- Renewal of an Outdoor Service Permit for Boonie's On The Avenue, 214 Iowa Avenue – Boonie's on the Avenue, LLC (pending inspections); renewal of Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Buffalo Wild Wings, 2608 – 2nd Avenue – Blazin' Wings Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Sales and Sunday Sales for Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1415 Grandview Avenue – Veterans of Foreign Wars (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Sales and Sunday Sales for American Legion Club, 110 So. Houser Street – Edward H Bitzer Post No. 27 (pending inspections and insurance)
- Approval of Application for Revitalization Property Tax Abatement
- Approval of Proclamation Declaring September 2015 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"
- Appointment of Therese Finney to the Transportation Advisory Commission"
- Filing of Communications A-D
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,627,558.56

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of utility easements on Lots 3 and 4 of the Riverbend Addition on Baton Rouge Road.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed vacation of the utility easement.

#23098. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#23099. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted vacating certain utility easements on Lots 3 and 4 of the Riverbend Fifth Addition on Baton Rouge Road. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23100. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat for the Riggan's Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23101. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted relating to financing of certain proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Muscatine and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23102. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Heuer Construction in the amount of \$277,679.78 for the Diana Queen Drive Extension Project. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23103. Councilmember Shihadeh 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, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23104. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the engineering services agreement for the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23105. Councilmember Spread moved to approve a Federal Aid Agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#23106. Councilmember Natvig moved to accept a grant agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Iowa Department of Transportation for electrical improvements at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#23107. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the City of Muscatine Deer Hunt for 2015/2016. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#23108. Councilmember Spread moved to authorize the submission of a REAP grant application for the Boat Harbor and Trail Embankment Restoration Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Rehwaldt asked when decisions would be made concerning the CAT grant.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the next phone call meeting is on September 9, 2015. He stated the city must reach the magic number of approximately an 18% local match.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked when that would be happening.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated the city needs to come up with another \$1.5 million. He stated the CAT grant application is a long-term process.

Councilmember Bynum reminded everyone about the MDA Boot Drive that got underway on Wednesday at Boonies. He stated it will take place Thursday and Friday at Walmart, Hy-Vee and Fareway. He encouraged everyone to participate.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded everyone about the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project kickoff that will take place at 5:30 p.m. on September 1, 2015 at the Riverview Center.

#23109. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator