

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 17, 2015

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 17, 2015, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hopkins swore in Firefighter Cory Schaeckenbach.

#23126. Councilmember Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilmember Phillips, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes for September 3, 2015 and In-Depth City Council minutes for September 10, 2015
- 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); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue – R&D Operations Ltd. (pending insurance and inspections); and renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Diamond Dave’s, 1903 Park Avenue – K&E Restaurants, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request approved from Muscatine High School for Use of City Property for Muscatine High School Senior March on October 9, 2015
- Request approved from Calacci Construction to Close E. 2nd Street for HNI Renovation Project on September 21, 2015 through November 4, 2015
- Proclamation Declaring October 4-10, 2015 as “Public Power Week”
- Appointment of Holly Jacobi to the Civil Service Commission
- Request to Establish Trick-or-Treat Night for Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Filing of Communication 12A
- Bills for Approval totaling \$7,176,760.12

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed amending of the zoning ordinance for 2107 Grandview Avenue (formerly Lamplight Inn).

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance.

#23127. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of utility easements in Lot 1 of the University Development Subdivision.

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

#23128. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of utility easements in Lots 14 and 15 of the Riverbend Second Addition.

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

#23129. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#23130. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance for 2107 Grandview Avenue (formerly Lamplight Inn). Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated internal work has been taking place but actual construction cannot take place until a permit has been received from Community Development.

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

#23131. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of utility easements in Lot 1 of the University Development Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23132. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of utility easements in Lots 14 and 15 of the Riverbend Second Addition. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23133. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat for the Papoose Forest Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23134. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting the public hearing for Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. on the Environmental Assessment availability for the proposed improvement of Mississippi Drive from Main Street to the Norbert F. Beckey Bridge. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

The setting of this public hearing is part of the notice period and will give the public an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment and 4(f) Statement that were approved by City Council.

There was discussion concerning the need for the assessment.

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

#23135. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted supporting the approval and adoption of the Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23136. 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, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23137. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the Annual City Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23138. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. on an Urban Renewal Plan Amendment and approval of the Urban Renewal/Development Agreement with Dorsey & Whitney LLP. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Motion carried.

#23139. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the addendum to the Collection Services Agreement with Municipal Collections of America Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked what percentage of the collections MCOA gets.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated they get 25% of the collected charge which is passed onto the debtor. She stated the city gets 100% of the ATE fees. She stated that for other collection services, the 25% will be taken out of the proceeds.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked about MCOA's success rate.

Ms. Lueck stated it is actually very good at about 84% of collectible charges.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23140. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve Change Order #3 for the Mad Creek Dredge Line Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#23141. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the airport lease agreement with GPC. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

#23142. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Terry and Sons Painting in the amount of \$25,550 for the Soccer Complex Building Paint Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#23143. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the posting of "No Parking in Alley" between Green and Main Streets off George Street. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#23144. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the posting of “No Trucks” on Lucas Street between the U.S. Bypass and Houser Street. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Bynum asked why this request was being made.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated that first, the road surface is asphalt, and second it is not a direct truck route. He stated the residents in that area requested the posting. He stated the intersection and Houser and Lucas streets is not set up for big trucks. He stated this street can no longer be used as a shortcut.

Councilmember Bynum stated he feels “No Parking” should be posted on Miller’s Hill because of truck traffic.

Councilmember Rehwaldt, on another note, thanked Mr. Hill for the concrete on Chestnut Street.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23145. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the speed limit change on Cedar Street from Parham to Houser Street from 25 mph to 35 mph. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Rehwaldt, speaking in reference to the Environmental Assessment, stated it was his understanding that if the project had received state funding, the EA would not be necessary.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that federal funding dictates the need for an EA, 4(f) and Memorandum of Understanding.

There was further discussion on the federal funding issue.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the city has received a lot of great press coverage the past couple days due to the proposed Port Authority issue and the opening of the Friendship House on Bonnie Drive. He stated he was glad to see local, regional, state, and international press coverage.

Mayor Hopkins stated the dedication of the Friendship House on Bonnie Drive took place earlier today. He stated it was the home that Chinese President Xi Jin Ping stated in during his visit to Muscatine in 1985.

#23146. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator