

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – March 17, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, March 17, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#23334. Councilmember Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – March 3, 2016
- In-Depth City Council Minutes – March 10, 2016
- Request on first and second reading for a Special Class “C” Liquor License for Hy-Vee – Clubroom, 2400 – 2nd Avenue – Hy-Vee, Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 203 Lake Park Blvd. – Max Brewer Corp. (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Loos Inc., 711 Park Avenue – Loos Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Proclamations declaring April 2016 as “National Donate Life Month”; April 2016 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”; April 10-16, 2016 as “Muscatine Volunteer Week”; and April 7, 2016 as “Junior Achievement Day”
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$2,719,106.14

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed Mulberry Avenue Improvement Project.

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

#23335. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#23336. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the replat of McCleary’s First Addition – Phase I. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Saucedo asked for an explanation of the term replat.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated it means the property lines from an existing subdivision are redrawn.

Councilmember Saucedo asked who performs the survey, and Mr. Fangman stated the applicant does.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23337. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the Mulberry Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Harvey asked where the \$350,000 for the sewer portion of the project will come from.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated it will be funded through the sewer extension project. She stated the amount to be funded will be based on the final sewer bid received.

Councilmember Saucedo asked when work would begin and end on the project.

City Engineer Jim Edmond stated work will begin the first week in June and should be completed close to October.

There was discussion on how street closures will be handled during the project.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23338. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Woodruff Construction in the amount of \$319,800 for the Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization Façade Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23339. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted authorizing outdoor dining for Boonie's on the Avenue for April 1st through October 15th. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Harvey asked about complaints received for this activity.

Mr. Fangman stated the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Speaking in reference to the dates, Mr. Fangman stated City Council could extend the end date if we are experiencing a warm fall.

Acting City Administrator David Gobin stated the outside dining pilot program had good results. He stated staff would like to see future outdoor dining requests placed on the Consent Agenda, and tonight he was seeking a consensus from City Council to do so.

Councilmember Saucedo asked how many restaurants participated in the pilot program.

Mr. Gobin stated two restaurants participated in the pilot program but that number could grow over time. He stated the City Administrator suggests future outdoor dining requests be placed on the Consent Agenda as they come up.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he does not have a problem with putting these requests on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if there will be any outdoor dining on 2nd Street.

Mr. Gobin stated that during the first year of the pilot program, one restaurant on 2nd Street did participate but did not do so last year.

Mr. Fangman explained the parameters of outdoor dining and stated each request would be reviewed on a case by case basis. He pointed out that everyone affected by an outdoor dining request is contacted.

There was discussion concerning the loss of parking revenue during the time frame that the outdoor dining is taking place. It was determined the loss would be approximately \$291 per space.

City Council unanimously agreed to place future outdoor dining requests on the Consent Agenda.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23340. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23341. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the professional services agreement (Option A) with Barker Lemar in the amount of \$130,340 for the development of a Landfill Master Plan and future development options. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Harvey asked if Option A depends on Option B, and Mr. Gobin answered no but stated they are somewhat related.

Councilmember Natvig stated staff is recommending the approval of Option A but it is his understanding the city could go to Option B at a later date.

Mr. Gobin stated Councilmember Natvig was correct and then explained the differences between Option A and Option B. He stated that Option A would allow for the design and planning for Phase Five and Six landfill cells. He stated that City Council could move forward with Option B once the city has final plans for ground water remediation and future landfill use.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23342. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the professional services agreement with Barker Lemar in the amount of \$28,600 for survey control, site map, and cover verification at the landfill. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked what the soil borings will show.

Mr. Gobin stated they delineate from where there is contaminated soil and uncontaminated soil.

Solid Waste Supervisor Laura Liegois stated this is a recordkeeping item required by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if we do soil borings now, and Ms. Liegois answered yes.

Councilmember Harvey asked if current practices can be grandfathered in when regulations change, and Ms. Liegois answered no.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23343. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Rehrig Pacific Company in the amount of \$112,695 for refuse collection carts. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if the carts the city has purchased in the past came from Rehrig Pacific, and Ms. Liegois answered yes.

Mr. Gobin, speaking from experience, stated that Rehrig Pacific is a pretty good company.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23344. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the contract with AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa Inc. as the city's Managed Care Organization (MCO) and the contract with Logisticare Solutions LLC as the MCO broker to allow MuscaBus to continue as a transportation provider for Medicaid passengers. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Mayor Broderson stated it was her understanding there are now three MCO's instead of four, and Transportation Supervisor Kristy Korpi stated she was correct.

Councilmember Harvey asked if this process would be difficult to use.

Ms. Korpi stated it will be really cumbersome for MuscaBus. She explained how rates will be increased, why the route rides will not be tallied, and how the program will work for Medicaid riders.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#23345. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Biogas Phase 2 Feasibility Supplemental Agreement #1 with Stanley Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$31,080. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Councilmember Saucedo asked what areas had been removed from the scope to bring the study closer to the budgeted amount.

Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch stated the major change had to do with changing the digester process which can be done at a later date.

Councilmember Saucedo asked when the study will be completed.

Mr. Koch stated it should be done sometime in June and was meant to coincide with a grant received from the ICCC.

Councilmember Rehwaldt stated this analysis will actually figure out the return on our investment.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23346. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve Supplemental Agreement #2 with Stanley Consultants in the amount of \$283,450 for the High Strength Waste Project at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There was discussion concerning the High Strength Waste (HSW) facilities.

Councilmember Harvey asked if the city would collect FOG (Fats, Oil, and Grease) from restaurants or if they would bring it in.

Mr. Koch stated FOG is something we would receive. He stated the city is trying to make it easier for restaurants to bring FOG to the Water Pollution Control Plant.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if the \$283,450 was in addition to the \$2.2 million project, and Mr. Koch stated it was part of the overall project.

Councilmember Natvig asked Mr. Koch if he was worried about someone beating us to the punch.

Mr. Koch stated not really. He stated we will be the only hub in eastern Iowa.

There was discussion concerning debris that comes in.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Mayor Broderson, speaking in reference to the revolving loan fund, stated she feels it should not be limited to just blighted areas. She then asked if parking could be set aside for veterans visiting the Veterans Affairs Office located in the old post office building at the corner of Iowa Avenue and E. 4th Street.

Councilmember Spread stated the building does have parking available.

Mayor Broderson stated the lot is just for staff.

Mayor Broderson then stated she was leaving for vacation on Friday and that in her absence, Councilmember Bynum would be serving as Mayor Pro Tem.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Gobin, Acting City Administrator