

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – May 5, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 5, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Broderson introduced John Dabeet of Muscatine Sister Cities.

Mr. Dabeet stated that with him at tonight's meeting were visitors from Ramallah, Palestine. He stated their visit was made possible by a variety of community organizations. He stated they were kept very busy during their visit to Muscatine. He thanked City Council and the City of Muscatine for their support.

Mr. Dabeet then introduced Hama who stated the delegation was thankful for the opportunity to learn about Muscatine's education system. She then introduced the other visitors who are educators at various schools in Ramallah.

Mayor Broderson thanked them for coming and presented them with a small gift.

Paul Oherlein, representing the Optimist Club of the Quad City area, stated plans are underway to start a new club in the City of Muscatine. He stated the first meeting will be held in May. He then explained the purpose of the Optimist Club.

#23392. Councilmember Rehwaldt, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – April 21, 2016
- First reading for a Class "B" Beer Permit for La Morelia, 506 Mulberry Avenue – Julio Guzman (pending inspections and insurance); first and second reading for a Class "C" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Club Ink, 2402 Park Avenue – Troy Freyermuth (pending inspections and insurance); first and second reading for a Class "C" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Pete's Tap, 1820 Angle Street – Oscars LLC (pending inspections); Supplemental Application to a Class "B" Wine Permit and Class "E" Liquor License for Circle K #6600, 802 Cypress Street – Mac's Convenience Stores LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class "B" Wine Permit, Class "C" Beer Permit, Class "E" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 522 Mulberry Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Sticks N' Stones Bar and Billiards, 218 Walnut Street – Sticks N' Stones Bar and Billiards (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Special Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Elly's Tea & Coffee House, LLC, 208 West 2nd Street, #8 – Elly's Tea & Coffee House LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class "C" Liquor License, Outdoor Sales and Sunday Sales for The Pearl, 101 West Mississippi Drive – The Pearl LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Special Class "C" Liquor License, Class "B" Wine Permit, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Wine Nutz, 208 West 2nd Street, Suite 217 – Wine Nutz LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class "C" Beer Permit, Class "B" Wine Permit, Class "E" Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #438, 1429 Park Avenue – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request approved from Muscatine Power & Water for Use of City Property for 5K Race on October 8, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- Request approved from Sts. Mary Mathias Catholic Church for Use of City Property Annual Feast of Corpus Christi Procession on May 28, 2016
- Request from Geneva Golf & Country Club to Dispense Fireworks for Annual Family Fun Day on August 13, 2016
- Proclamation Declaring May 5, 2016 as “National Day of Prayer”
- Proclamation Declaring May 15-21, 2016 as “National Police Week” and May 18, 2016 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”
- Proclamation Declaring May 27-28, 2016 as “Buddy Poppy Day”
- Proclamation Declaring May 2016 as “Historic Preservation Month”
- Resolution Adopted Accepting Sidewalk or Street Café Easement Agreement with Avenue Subs
- Filing of Communications 12A-G
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,789,283.95

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Broderson read the proclamations adopted under the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed declaration of 303 Brook Street as surplus property and authorizing its disposal.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposal.

#23393. Councilmember Bynum moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed declaration of 307 Brook Street as surplus property and authorizing its disposal.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposal.

#23394. Councilmember Spread moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

#23395. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution declaring 303 Brook Street as surplus property and authorizing its disposal be tabled to a future meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23396. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution declaring 307 Brook Street as surplus property and authorizing its disposal be tabled to a future meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23397. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend Title 7, Chapter 5 of the City Code pertaining to Automated Traffic Enforcement. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Harvey asked that the table of fines be changed to show that the 6-10 mph speed designation is for schools and construction areas.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that change would be made prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

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

#23398. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs and unpaid rental inspection fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if the city charges interest on these fees.

Community Development Director David Gobin stated the city charges an administrative fee but no interest.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked Mr. Gobin if he would recommend violators lose their license if fees are not paid.

Mr. Gobin stated this is not a license issue.

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

#23399. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for the 2016 Asphalt Overlay Project for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23400. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Triple B Construction Corporation in the amount of \$69,558 for the Community Development Block Grant Storm Water Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23401. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve Change Order #1 for the Community Development Block Grant Storm Water Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Harvey asked if this change order would satisfy the needs of the original contract.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it meets the needs of the IEDA grant program.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23402. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted accepting easements for the Musser Park to Wiggins Road Trail. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Councilmember Harvey asked if the city would have any input on the type of fencing the property owner installs.

City Engineer Jim Edmond stated the property owner will be limited by the amount of money included in the agreement. He stated it is staff's expectation the property owners will install the fencing but at no cost to the city.

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

#23403. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted setting the public hearing on Amendment #2 for the 2015/2016 City Budget for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if this amendment had been discussed.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that amendments to the city's budget are an annual process. He stated the first budget amendment takes place during the budget process and is approved during the time of the budget adoption. He stated the second amendment takes place before the end of the current fiscal year. He stated that included with the agenda information was a summary showing the history of amendments approved over the last several years.

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

#23404. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted awarding the sale of \$4,600,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Jenny Blankenship, who is the city's financial advisor from Public Financial Management, provided an overview of the process that took place earlier today for the sale of the General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds. She stated the city's Moody bond rating is AA-2 which is very strong for the State of Iowa. She stated this positive bond rating reflects the hard work of the city.

Ms. Blankenship then reviewed the bid tabulation sheet. She stated there were seven responses reflecting a total of 38 bidders which did include two local banks. She stated the low bid was from Country Club Bank of Prairie Village, Kansas, with an interest rate of 1.3817% through 2026.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked if the bond rating has changed in recent years, and Ms. Blankenship stated the city has held the AA-2 rating for the past several years.

Ms. Blankenship then gave a brief overview of the underwriting process. She talked about the savings the city would realize on the refunding portion of this bond issue. She stated that from 2017-2018, the city would be saving \$35,000.

Councilmember Natvig stated that Public Financial Management has done a good job for the city.

Ms. Blankenship gave a shout out to City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and Finance Director Nancy Lueck and their staff.

Councilmember Harvey suggested this good news be posted on the city's website.

Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson asked if Councilmembers Harvey and Spread, who made the original motion to adopt the resolution awarding the sale of the bonds, agreed with the selection of Country Club Bank and they both answered yes.

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

#23405. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the request from the Traffic Committee to remove “No Parking” signs at 6th Street and Mulberry Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23406. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Elliot Equipment in the amount of \$95,524 for an automated garbage packer body for Refuse Collection. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#23407. Councilmember Spread moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Quad City Peterbilt in the amount of \$126,933 for a truck chassis for Refuse Collection. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Councilmember Harvey asked how long it would take for this new vehicle to be up and running.

Solid Waste Manager stated it should be on the street by November or December.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#23408. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$9,450 for the Airport Electrical Upgrade Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Harvey asked if there was anything the remaining \$3,666 of the grant money could be spent on.

Community Development Coordinator Adam Thompson stated there isn't much more that can be done under this project. He stated staff worked hard with the engineer and contractor to use as much of the grant money as possible.

Councilmember Harvey asked if there is still a critter problem at the airport, and Mr. Thompson stated there hasn't been any issues since the installation of conduit.

Councilmember Natvig asked how the runway project was coming along.

Mr. Thompson stated the project is well underway and is ahead of schedule. He stated it should be completed in August.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23409. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Change Orders #1 and #2 for the Clark House Domestic Hot Water Heater Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

#23410. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve Change Orders 2016-8001 and 2016-8002 for Phase 3B of the Sewer Separation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#23411. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Martin & Whitacre in the amount of \$24,000 for the rehabilitation of Cleveland Street from 2nd Avenue to the Park Avenue frontage road. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Mayor Broderson thanked Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois and her staff for another successful Spring Cleanup Week. She then reminded everyone of her “Coffee with the Mayor” on May 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Happy Joe’s Pizza on Lake Park Boulevard.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator