

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – August 18, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2016, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Echols, 615 Hope Avenue, speaking in reference to the letter he received from the city stating that his private sewer lateral line is failing, asked how he could make sure it is his problem.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that both Sewer Maintenance Supervisor Matt Chandler and Public Works Director Brian Stineman had investigated the line. He then explained the process used to make the determination that sewer lateral failure is coming from the service at 615 Hope Avenue.

Mr. Echols asked questions that were answered by staff.

Mayor Broderson told Mr. Echols that he could ask for an extension.

There were also questions and comments from City Council that were answered by staff.

Mr. Echols was directed to go across the hall to Community Development to request an extension.

Before leaving, Mr. Echols voiced his concerns about the condition of a property located at 619 Hope Avenue as well as a couple of other properties on that street.

Community Development Director David Gobin told Mr. Echols that all nuisance complaints should be directed to the Community Development Department and that once received, the city will deal with them.

#23514. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – August 4, 2016
- Request for Outdoor Service Privilege for a Class “C” Beer Permit and Outdoor Service for Hy-Vee Mainstreet, 510 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Buffalo Wild Wings, 2608 Second Avenue – Blazin Wings Inc. (pending inspections); and renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for American Legion Club, 110 S. Houser Street – Edward H Bitzer Post No. 27 (pending inspections and insurance)
- Filing of Communications 12A
- Bills for Approval totaling \$2,571,218.45

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed vacation of certain utility easements for 3500 Diana Queen Drive.

There were no oral or written petitions for against this proposed action.

#23515. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes; motion carried.

#23516. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt on final reading the ordinance amending appointment and removal powers in Title 1, Chapter 11, Title 2, Chapters 1-4 and 6-9, and Title 6, Chapter 1; and adding Chapters 11 and 12 to Title 2 and directed for its publication as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23517. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of utility easements for 3500 Diana Queen Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23518. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted accepting the Warranty Deed for property adjoining Kent-Stein Park along Roby Avenue that was donated to the City of Muscatine by the Donald Morgan family. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt.

Councilmember Rehwaldt stated he hopes that the Muscatine Journal takes note of this wonderful gift from the Morgan family.

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

#23519. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted approving the signature of settlement documents for the South End Fire Station No. 2 Project and the payment of \$50,575.30 to the Surety. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23520. Councilmember Harvey moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed vacation of utility easements for 3420 Clermont Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23521. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties totaling \$10,938.48. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23522. Councilmember Spread moved to declare city property as surplus and to authorize its sale. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman told City Council that the Public Surplus auction site is used by many cities/government agencies and that local residents will be notified social media.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23523. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the request from Public Works to approve the low bid from Krieger Ford in the amount of \$33,249 for a truck for Building and Grounds. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23524. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the issuance of purchase orders totaling \$127,829 to Bryant Roofing, \$137,690 to Northwest Restoration, and \$56,590.53 to BMW Builders II. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

A concern was raised by City Council about the wide ranges between the bid amounts, and Public Works Director Stineman stated the city would proceed with the low bidder and if staff is not satisfied with their work, another bidder will be selected.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23525. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from the Police Department to declare communications equipment as surplus property and to authorize its disposal. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Police Chief Brett Talkington told City Council the department actually has a buyer for the equipment but it must be declared as surplus before it can be sold.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23526. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the grant agreement for the Airport Master Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#23527. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Quiet Zone Study Agreement with Bolton & Menk Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were answered by staff.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#23528. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve Change Orders 1-3 totaling \$84,420.15 for the Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt.

There were questions and comments from City Council concerning the change orders that were addressed by City Engineer Jim Edgmond.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

The final item on the agenda was a presentation by Bolton & Menk concerning the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project, particularly the Carver Corner intersection and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Mulberry Avenue intersection. Present from Bolton & Menk were Jim Harbaugh and Joe Spradling.

Mr. Spradling started the presentation pointing out the critical points of this project stating it was a diverse corridor, is poorly connected and has changing right-of-way widths.

Mr. Spradling then gave an overview of the four-leg roundabout alternative for Carver Corner. He stated the pros include lower costs than signalized (EA) intersection, free flowing traffic, and a gateway to downtown. He stated the cons include different traffic flow than before and impacts on different properties than originally planned which would necessitate EA revisions and delayed construction.

Mr. Spradling then gave an overview of a three-leg roundabout which was not part of the original presentation. He stated the pros would include lower costs than a signalized (EA) intersection, free flowing traffic, gateway to downtown, and preservation of the historic eligible Whiteway Hotel. He stated the cons

would include a different traffic flow than before and the reorienting of Green Street which potentially could make it safer.

Mr. Spradling then gave an overview of the roadway sweep alternative. He stated this alternative necessitated a right turn lane and a pedestrian “HAWK” traffic signal which would only be activated by people needing to cross the street. He stated this area does have the potential for increased traffic in the future.

Mr. Harbaugh stated that a traffic study showed this alternative does not warrant a full traffic signal at this point in time.

City Planner Andrew Fangman stated this area has been identified as a critical location for pedestrians to cross over to the riverfront and explained why.

Mr. Spradling stated the pros for the sweep alternative include a traditional design, free flowing traffic on Mississippi Drive/Grandview Avenue, and impacts on the same property as initially planned. He stated the cons include a higher cost than the four-leg roundabout, minimal space for a gateway entrance, and the need for a right turn lane and HAWK traffic signal.

There was discussion concerning the safety of pedestrians when crossing at a roundabout as opposed to the sweep alternative.

Mr. Spradling then gave an overview of the EA preferred alternative. He stated the pros include a traditional design and the geometrical alignment of the north and south legs of Green Street. He stated the cons include a high implementation cost, more right-of-way needs, no free flowing traffic on Mississippi Drive, and traffic signal maintenance costs.

Mr. Spradling stated the cost range would be \$1 million for the four-leg roundabout, \$1.1 million for the three-leg roundabout, \$1.05 million for the sweep with pedestrian signal, and \$1.7 for the EA preferred alternative which includes right-of-way and signalization costs.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by staff, Mr. Spradling and Mr. Harbaugh. It was decided this issue would be brought back to the September 1, 2016 City Council meeting to allow further input by citizens.

Mr. Harbaugh then addressed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Mulberry Avenue intersection. He talked about the pros for a roundabout which included lower costs, free flowing traffic, especially during events, gateway to downtown, and better truck traffic flows. He stated the cons include a different traffic flow than before, bigger footprint, and the impact on different properties than originally planned.

Mr. Harbaugh then gave an overview of a traditional signalized intersection. He stated the pros include a traditional design, less footprint, and impact on properties that were initially planned. He stated the cons include higher costs, less area for downtown gateway, more traffic congestion during events, less truck movement opportunities, and traffic signal maintenance costs.

Mr. Harbaugh then gave an overview of the EA preferred alternative.

He stated the cost range for a roundabout would be approximately \$700,000 and approximately \$850,000 for the traditional signalized intersection.

Gary Carlson from HNI stated his company could work with the roundabout configuration but asked that increased truck sizes be taken into consideration. He stated that some trucks may be diverted to the bypass but he feels there is still going to be quite a bit of traffic on the Mississippi Drive Corridor.

Mr. Harbaugh, speaking in reference to the Bluff District, stated critical points include maintaining existing newer roadway paving, reconstructing old sidewalk to meet ADA requirements and provide utility undergrounding, and placing median on top of existing pavement for access management/aesthetics. Examples were shown of a two lane w/median at old pavement areas and a two lane w/median at newer pavement areas which also showed two different styles of period lighting.

Mr. Harbaugh ended his presentation by stating that the city has created an area on Linn Street that will allow citizens to become familiar with back-in parking.

Councilmembers requested additional data for the intersection alternatives and agreed that this information needs to be shared with the citizens of Muscatine.

City Engineer Jim Edmond stated he does not want City Council to lose track of what Bolton & Menk were hired to do. He stated their job is to design a corridor that will work not only today but into the future.

Councilmember Rehwaldt asked Mr. Edmond about work on the #1 alley, and Mr. Edmond stated it was close to being done.

Councilmember Rehwaldt then asked about the airport project, and Mr. Edmond stated it was done.

Councilmember Rehwaldt then asked about the West Hill Sewer Project, and Mr. Edmond stated that things are coming along smoothly.

Under comments, Councilmember Saucedo thanked the Morgan family for their generous donation to the city and also thanked the United Way for the work they do in our community.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated a request had been received from Broders Excavating to close 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Oak and Spring streets for water service repair at 706 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated both lanes will be closed for one day and one lane closed for one additional day.

Mayor Broderson offered her condolences to Ken Rogers' family.

Mayor Broderson stated she would be vetoing the ordinance that was adopted earlier in the evening. She invited everyone to the job fair that will be held on August 26, 2016 at the MCSA from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and to her Coffee with the Mayor that will be held on August 27, 2016 at the Discovery Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator