

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – August 25, 2016

Mayor Broderson called the Special City Council meeting for Thursday, August 25, 2016, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Bynum, Harvey, and Spread.

Gary Carlson of the HNI Corporation began his presentation with information about HNI. He stated the company was formed around people rather than products and since its beginning, employees have been known as members because they are part owners of the company. He stated it is HNI's intent to give back to the community.

Mr. Carlson then fast forwarded to 2012 when he approached City Council about HNI's three-year investment plan for HNI and then explained what has been accomplished to date. He stated the community has gained as well from the upgrades that have taken place at HNI.

Mr. Carlson stated that HNI has a strong history of leaders including Stan Howe, David Stanley, Jack Michaels, and Stan Askren. He stated that the City of Muscatine is the town that HNI calls home.

Mr. Carlson stated that another great institute in our community is the library. He stated that a highly functional library is key to a vibrant community and that currently the library is not up to par. He stated that he believes HNI has the solution to helping the library to become more functional in the community.

Mr. Carlson stated that HNI is proposing to donate their property located at 408 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the City of Muscatine to become the new HNI Community Center and Musser Public Library. He stated that City Council will be asked to take action tonight accepting the donation from HNI.

Mr. Carlson then gave a brief power point showing what the building, which was built in 1930, looks like. He stated the building contains 30,000 square feet which is 10,000 square feet more than the current library. He stated there will be ample parking for library employees and its patrons. He stated the tower next to the main building has an elevator to all four floors that is handicapped accessible and also houses the restrooms that are also handicapped accessible. He stated the building has a sprinkler system and is humidity controlled.

Mr. Carlson continued his presentation showing the entryway and reception area, board rooms, conference rooms, collaboration areas, guest services/café, commons areas, private offices for staff, storage, and work stations. He stated a large portion of the furniture will be included as part of the donation. He stated there are a few pieces that will be moved to HNI's new facility.

Mr. Carlson stated that once the transition is complete, the new facility will become a phenomenal gathering space and will become central to the downtown infrastructure and riverfront. He stated HNI is pleased to offer this gift to the community.

Councilmember Saucedo thanked Mr. Carlson and HNI on behalf of himself and the citizens of Muscatine for this generous donation.

Councilmember Natvig stated he was thankful that HNI has kept its corporate headquarters in the City of Muscatine.

Mr. Carlson stated that HNI has invested a lot in the community and has gotten a lot back in return.

#23529. Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the Real Property Charitable Donation Agreement between the City of Muscatine and the HNI Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator