

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – December 7, 2017

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, December 7, 2017, 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.

New firefighters Jason Verschoore and Matt Dickerson were sworn in by Mayor Broderson. Mayor Broderson and Councilmembers congratulated and welcomed the new firefighters.

Roger Chapman, 1012 E 8th Street, came to speak stating that he would like to see the flashing red stop signs moved to 8th and Cypress as he has seen multiple vehicles go through the stop without stopping.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman stated that the signs were originally designated to be moved to locations with new traffic patterns. The signs at Mulberry and Houser will be moved to this location.

Hannah Howard, 218 W. 11th Street, the Community Coordinator with Nature Conservancy of Iowa, spoke regarding the Muscatine Pollinator Project. Hannah shared information about the upcoming fundraiser (Butterflies, Bees and Brew) at the Contrary Brewery to raise money for new plantings in the local area. This event will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, from 1-4 p.m. at the cost of \$20.

Alisha Eggers, 2118 Mulberry Avenue, came to request that the City Council change the rules on allowing pot belly pigs as pets within the city limits. She stated they were forced to remove the pig from their home after it got out and they were informed of the two-acre City Code requirement. She stated her family would like to be able to bring their pig home.

Max Kaufmann, 1609 Foster Street, came to address the City Council regarding the statements made at a previous council meeting regarding the City Administrator being put on suspension. He stated that whenever he or others speak to the City Council, he feels they are looked through like a window with no response. He addressed Councilmembers Fitzgerald and Saucedo individually regarding their actions.

Councilmember Saucedo stated that he will always stand up for what he believes and that one person won't change his decision. He states that he represents a large number of citizens not just the few that have come forward.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated that he listens to everyone and that the councilmembers take all suggestions into consideration and then take the actions that they feel is necessary.

#23170. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Saucedo, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – November 16, 2017
- Goal Setting Session Minutes – November 16, 2017
- Renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Pizza Hut, 2512 Park Avenue – Summit Pizza, Inc. (pending inspection); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for West Side Store, 2201 Houser Street – DJMB LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “A” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Geneva Golf & Country Club, 3100 Bidwell Road – Geneva Golf & Country Club (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Las Lomas, 1519 Park Avenue – Juan, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Flaming Embers, 131

West 2nd Street – Flaming Ember Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #437, 709 Grandview Avenue – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Outdoor Service for Guadalajara Restaurant, 208 East 2nd Street – Vazquez Enterprise Inc (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Class “C” Native Wine Permit for Hong Kong Buffet, 2406 Park Avenue – Hong Kong Buffet Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)

- Filing of Communication 12A-E
- Bills for Approval totaling \$3,189,111.63

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

#23171 Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 9, Section 2(E). Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23172 Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted deleting property from the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Rehwaldt.

There were questions from City Council that were addressed by City Administrator Mandsager.

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

#23173 Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance deleting property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area of the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All Ayes; Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23174 Councilmember Natvig moved to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing for Thursday, January 18, 2018, on the Proposed Amendment to the Revitalization Plan for the 2013 Muscatine Housing Urban Revitalization Area. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All Ayes; Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23175 Councilmember Spread moved to adopt the resolution approving the contract with Enhance Iowa Board for the CAT Grant for the Pearls of Progress project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23176 Councilmember Natvig moved to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing for Thursday, December 21, 2017, on the Zoning Ordinance for Home Based Businesses. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council that were addressed by City Planner Andrew Fangman.

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

#23177 Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing for Thursday, December 21, 2017, amending the Zoning Ordinance for Sign Regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23178 Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt the resolution approving the Pre-Application to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship for the Water Quality Initiative Urban Conservation Projects Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo. All Ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23179 Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt the resolution approving Settlement Agreement and Release with Invision Architecture for Fire Station #2 Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Saucedo, Harvey, and Spread. Motion carried.

#23180 Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve the Goals and Objectives for Fiscal year 2018/2019. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

#23181 Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Change Order #001 for the Cleveland Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

#23182 Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Sewer Rate Study Agreement with Veenstra & Kim at a rate not to exceed \$9,300. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes; motion carried.

#23183 Councilmember Rehwaldt moved to approve the Mad Creek Inflow and Infiltration Study Agreement with Stanley Consultants in the amount of \$9,950. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes, motion carried.

#23184 Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the purchase of a Dragline Hose from Eldon C. Stutsman in the amount of \$6,810 for the Water Pollution Control Plant. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

City Administrator Mandsager stated this issue will be discussed at the upcoming budget meetings.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#23185 Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the purchase of a Level IV Ballistic Shield for the Police Department from Kiesler's Police Supply in the amount of \$7,214.50. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

There was questions and comments that were address by Assistant Police Chief Phil Sargent.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#23186 Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the issuance of purchase order to Martin & Whitacre in the amount of \$12,761 for a survey for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project Phase 3C. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes, motion carried.

#23187 Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#23188 Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Settlement Agreement with Diana Broderson for Case #EQCV023989. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. Four ayes: Councilmembers Rehwaldt, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Harvey. Two nays: Councilmembers Spread and Saucedo. Motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Saucedo addressed City Engineer Jim Edgmond regarding clarification of the opening of Mississippi Drive on December 8th.

Mr. Edgmond stated Friday is the opening date for Mississippi Drive and provided a diagram showing what is going to be open. He stated people traveling north will turn left on Iowa Avenue. He stated the roadway will remain closed from Iowa Avenue up to Cedar Street.

Mr. Edgmond stated that if he feels there are safety issues that have not been addressed, he will not authorize the opening of the roadway. He just wanted to make everyone aware that this could happen.

Councilmember Spread asked how the detours will be affected.

Mr. Edgmond stated the necessary changes will be made for the new detours; however, 8th Street will remain the same.

Councilmember Spread asked if Cedar Street would remain open to the riverfront.

Mr. Edgmond stated it would remain open until the Iowa Avenue crossing has been completed.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that Kevin Jenison would be getting a map put up on the website showing what is open on Mississippi Drive.

Councilmember Harvey asked about the south end force main.

Public Works Director Stineman stated the materials for the repair work should be here soon. He stated the contractor will begin work once the materials have been received. He stated cold weather won't affect the project because it is underground work.

City Administrator Mandsager stated there will be a reception in the City Hall Council Chambers for the outgoing Councilmembers on Thursday, December 21, 2017, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Broderson welcomed Cinda Hilger who will be replacing Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson who is retiring at the end of the year.

Mayor Broderson thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in transporting her granddaughter to the Children's Hospital in Iowa City. She stated she feels the city is very fortunate to have this service available.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator