

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 3, 2011

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 3, 2011, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#20445. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2011 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#20446. Councilmember Lange moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Renewal of a Class E Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Hy-Vee Drugstore, 510 E. 6th Street – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee Gas, 2600 2nd Avenue – Hy-Vee Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Sylvia's Mexican Restaurant LLC, 1903 Park Avenue, Suite 6500 – Roberto & Sylvia Rada (pending receipt of final paperwork); filing of Communications A-G; and Bills for Approval totaling \$820,980.69. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor O'Brien stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the South End Fire Station Project.

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

#20447. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#20448. Councilmember Roby moved to approve the request to dispense fireworks at Geneva Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 25, 2011, with the stipulation the public be notified of the event. Seconded by Councilmember Lange. All ayes; motion carried.

#20449. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the request for use of city property for Great River Days on July 27-30, 2011. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#20450. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the use of city property for the Great River Days Parade on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#20451. Councilmember Roby moved to approve the use of city property for the 5th Annual "That Was Then, This is Now" Boat Show. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Dave Moritz, organizer of the boat show, stated this is the fifth year for the boat show and it will probably be the biggest boat show yet. He thanked the city for its involvement in making this event a success.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#20452. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the closure of Weed Park to vehicular traffic on May 29, 2011 from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for the 33rd Annual Melon City Criterium Bicycle Race. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#20453. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the appointment of Brett Talkington as Police Chief. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor O'Brien then swore in Brett Talkington as Police Chief.

Chief Talkington stated he appreciated the opportunity to serve as Police Chief and that he was looking forward to the challenge.

Mayor O'Brien then welcomed Boy Scout Troop #167.

#20454. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and setting the bid opening date for the South End Fire Station Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#20455. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 7 p.m. for a proposed concession agreement between the City of Muscatine and Plamor Lanes. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#20456. Councilmember Lange moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2011/2012 application for state and federal transit funds for Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#20457. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve Change Orders #6 and #8 for the Hershey Avenue Sewer Separation Project II. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#20458. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the additional fee proposal from Invision Architectural for the South End Fire Station Project. Seconded by Councilmember Roby.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked what the original total cost for the design work was.

Fire Chief Jerry Ewers stated he did not have that information with him but could forward that information out to City Council.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if the square footage would be less than the original proposal.

Chief Ewers stated the original square footage was 10,500 square feet but has been reduced to 9,800 square feet.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Fitzgerald stated it was good to see the three summer events that were approved by City Council earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember Roby reminded residents to keep snow away from the fire hydrants, mailboxes, and meters so they can be easily accessed.

Councilmember Lange stated he felt the Street Department has been doing an excellent job. He expressed his concerns about the downtown area but understands it is an issue with the contractor.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the contractor is to begin working on the downtown area this evening.

Mayor O'Brien, speaking to the listening audience, stated the street department has done an excellent job. He stated they have a very specific plan they follow with storms of this type.

Mayor O'Brien then stated that City Council is currently involved with budget discussions and they are doing an excellent job. He stated the meetings are always open to the public.

#20459. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator