

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –October 4, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 4, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Councilmember Brackett was absent.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jane Daufeldt, 2223 5th Avenue, came on behalf of a citizens group focusing on keeping Pearl of the Mississippi as the Muscatine Tagline. Ms. Daufeldt read a letter from former Council Member Anne Lesnet, regarding her thoughts on the Muscatine Tagline and reasons it should remain as the Pearl of the Mississippi.

Mayor Broderson stated that Council will be discussing the branding on October 11th at the in-depth meeting.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that for clarification “The Pearl of the Mississippi” does not belong to the City of Muscatine but rather the Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the City has no control over the use of that tagline.

Robert Miller, 2436 Sunflower Ridge, came forward and stated that having a tagline has nothing to do with getting people to move to a city. Mr. Miller then read a letter from former Council member Bill Trent. Mr. Trent’s letter stated he would like to see the tagline be “Muscatine - Pearl of the Mississippi – Where the River Takes a Turn for the Better. He states that this would be a compromise that should make everyone happy. He states the best thing we can do is for everyone to work together to make Muscatine a better place, and that will bring others to Muscatine.

Councilmember Spread, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – Sept 20, 2018
- Filing and Communication 12 A-B
- From the Mayor 9 A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,709,063.30

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the approval of plans, specification, cost estimates and establishment of bid opening date for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station Project. There were no written or oral petitions for or against the proposed project.

Councilmember Harvey motion that the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo. All ayes: motion carried.

At this time Mayor Broderson presented two proclamations. First presented to Dani Zumwalt was a Proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day, October 8, 2018. The second proclamation was presented to Lynn Kelley representing the Muscatine Hunger Walk to be held on Saturday Oct 6, 2018.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt Resolution #94499-1018 approving plans, specifications and form of contract for High Strength Waster receiving station project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions and comments from council regarding the timeline of this project that were answered by, Water Pollution Control Plant Director, Jon Koch.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if council could get hard copies of the actual layout of the project, and an overview of the project.

Mr. Koch stated he would get those documents to the Councilmembers.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion Carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt resolution #94500-1018, setting a public hearing on November 1, 2018, for the Expanded Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Amendment. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt resolution #94501-1018, deleting property from the Consolidated Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated this is something new that would be seen more frequently because of interpretation of new law. He stated that the City would be taking a more in-depth look at the Urban Renewal Area that was consolidated 8-9 years ago.

Councilmember Saucedo had questions regarding the specs that would be used to build these homes and if they would be City standards.

City Planner, Andrew Fangman, stated they would be built to City Code and would have to be approved by Planning and Zoning prior to construction.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt resolution #94502-1018, approving a 20% local match and a 20-year maintenance assurance for the West Side Trail Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding the amount of the 20% match.

City Engineer Jim Edmond stated that the local match was about \$114,000.

City Planner, Andrew Fangman, stated that the funds for the match are already secured through the CAT Grant.

Vote –6 ayes 1 absent (Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt resolution #94503-1018, approving the Final Design Engineering Agreement for West Side Trail. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from City Council regarding the time line for the project that were answered by City Engineer Jim Edmond.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion Carried

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94504-1018, approving the issuance of a purchase order to TAPCO, for the purchase of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons for the Houser Street Parking Expansion and Athletic Field Grading Project. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Councilmembers had questions regarding power for the lights and if there was a way we could get a count of the number of people crossing the street at these lights.

City Planner Andrew Fangman answered by stating the lights are solar powered and Bi-State could set up cameras to get a number count.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the count should be performed after it has been opened up for a year in order to get accurate numbers.

Vote –6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve request #94505-1018, approving the submission of an AFG Grant for SCBA equipment. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote –6 ayes, 1 absent (Brackett). Motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve request #94506-1018, for the issuance of a purchase order to Carriage House Carpets for replacement of carpeting in the Police Department Offices. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Under Communication:

Councilmember Malcolm had questions regarding what the City is doing to prevent the heavy flooding that has happened with the heavy rain.

Councilmember Malcolm asked what the status of the fulltime position at the Art Center was. Mayor Broderson stated staff would get that information to him.

Councilmember Saucedo asked for update on Mississippi Drive. City Engineer Jim Edgmond stated it would be open at end of day on Oct 5, 2018.

Councilmember Saucedo asked about temporary lights being used during road construction to help with traffic flow and safety, he also stated he had good feedback regarding the patch work being done. City Engineer Jim Edgmond that this could be requested as part of the contract for future projects.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager asked that a copy of the packet regarding branding for Public Documents.

Mr. Mandsager stated that the Fire Department had been giving training to City Employees on the use of trauma kits, and questioned if City Council would be interested in participating in a class.

Mayor Broderson congratulated AW Welt-Ambrisco Insurance for moving into the former Chamber of Commerce Building.

Mayor Broderson gave a reminder regarding the Fire Department Open House Sunday from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Mayor Broderson stated the Art Center has an Alexander Clark exhibit on display.

Mayor Broderson stated Muscatine Branding will be discussed at the in-depth meeting on October.

Mayor Broderson stated that Muscatine was announced as the winner of the Healthiest State Initiative.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the Open House at the Public Safety building was a joint event including the Police and Sheriff Departments.

Councilmember Saucedo moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator