

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –January 17, 2019

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, January 17, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Saucedo, Seconded by Councilmember Brackett moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of City Council Minutes Items 6 A-C
- Petitions and Communications Items 8 A-B
- Receive and File Items 12 A-C
- Bills for Approval totaling \$2,075,921.44

Councilmember Brackett had questions regarding identical dental insurance payments on the bills for approval that were addressed by Finance Director Nancy Lueck. Ms. Lueck stated that the City Insurance is self-funded and pays an estimated total each week. That total will be a refunding amount through the year.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11A

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0014, setting public hearing on Feb 7th, 2019 regarding the High Strength Waste Receiving Station Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he wants to see the drawings before the Public Hearing Scheduled for Feb 7, 2019.

Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch stated they would have them to council by Feb 4th, 2019.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Item 11B

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0015, approving the preliminary plat for Arbor Commons Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – 6 ayes, 1 Nay (Malcolm); motion carried.

Item 11C

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0016, accepting completed work and issuing final payment to Smith Seeding for work done on the Muscatine Quiet Zone.

Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11D

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0017, authorizing the assessment of Unpaid nuisance Abatement Costs to Private Properties. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Councilmember Brackett urged citizens to call City Hall if they have questions regarding a notice they receive.

Councilmember Saucedo asked what the actual Snow Removal requirements were for the City of Muscatine.

Community Development Director Dave Gobin stated residents have 24 hours after the snow has stopped to have their sidewalks cleared. If they are not cleared, they will get a notice on door to have it cleaned up or the City would clean it up and charge the resident.

Councilmember Harvey asked if the complaints were from staff going out looking or from called in complaints. Mr. Gobin stated some are seen by staff but more are called in.

There was discussion regarding snow being shoveled into roadways from residents and snow plowed onto residents' sidewalks.

Councilmember Harvey asked if Public Works Director Brian Stineman , if the thought a snow emergency would be called with the incoming storm. Mr. Stineman stated at this time he did not foresee a Snow Emergency.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve Request #2019-0018, approving the purchase of a vehicle for the Muscatine Special Operations Response Team. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

At this time Police Chief Brett Talkington came forward with a presentation on the proposed new vehicle. Mr. Talkington discussed the need for this vehicle in regards to the safety of our law enforcement officers as well as citizens. He stated the new vehicle would be much easier to utilize with the significant size difference than the current larger vehicle.

Mr. Talkington stated that Kent Corporation, the Howe Foundation and the Sheriffs department have given \$50,000 each for this purchase and asks that the city approve the Police Department to pay the remaining \$50,000 for this purchase.

There was discussion on what would happen to the current vehicle and if we would see it that were answered by Police Chief Talkington. He stated the vehicle is not the property of the City and that it would have to be turned over to the government to be placed in another town.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated that the Purchase Order would be written for the full amount of \$200,000 from the City of Muscatine, but the City would receive the funds from the other parties.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Saucedo complimented the Public Works Department on the past snow removal and stated he received several comments stating that it was better than in the past.

Councilmember Brackett asked if there was an update on fixing the Lake Park Blvd flooding Issues. Mr. Stineman stated that Public Works was still assessing the problems and the options for solutions.

Councilmember Brackett asked if there was an update on the building located at 500 Mulberry Ave.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that staff had adjusted the contract and it would be brought before City Council very soon.

Mr. Gobin stated that he had just learned today that the asbestos and lead based paint would both be taken care of on Monday the 21st. Mr. Gobin also stated that the Development Agreement would be placed before City Council on Feb 7th, 2019.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded Council of the upcoming budget sessions.

Mayor Broderson stated she would be cancelling Coffee with the Mayor Saturday due to the weather forecasted.

Mayor Broderson stated to citizens that the MCSA would be helping with tax preparation at little or no cost to those needing help.

Mayor Broderson reminded citizens and staff of the upcoming Eagles and Ivories.

Mayor Broderson asked Public Works if there was an update on the Norbert Becky Bridget lights.

City Engineer Jim Edmond stated Musco had completed the work but there was a compatibility issue with some of the equipment. The property equipment is on order and will be fixed as weather permits.

Councilmember Saucedo moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

City Administrator, Gregg Mandsager