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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### WEEKLY UPDATE:

**REMINDER: We have a closed session at 5:30pm on Thursday, April 18th in the LL Conference Room. Please let me know if this date still work for the entire Council.**

- HSB 165 (Now HF 773): Several communities are putting resolutions together in opposition to HSB 165. Attached in one example as well as the last legislative link.
- Fire: The Fire Department has created a recruitment video and I hope to have a link for you this next week.
- Community Development: Attached please find a report on the building permits for March 2019.
- Our City: Please see the attached report on the Our City program. Please note... The ability to upload past OurCity Muscatine shows to the OurCity Muscatine YouTube page has been in place since November 2018, but the shows have not been uploaded to date. This has to be done by the provider. In addition, there is the ability to share the live stream on the YouTube channel but that has not happened for the past six shows.
- CSO: Attached please find the March 2019 West Hill program progress report.
- DPW: It looks like we will be closing S. Houser, just south of the intersection of Musser Street, on April 29th for replacement of the 48" culvert that has caused a portion of the street to collapse. We will be removing the pavement on the 29th in anticipation of the new culvert being delivered on the 30th. Replacement of the culvert will probably take the remainder of the week with paving hopefully taking place the week of May 6th. Dave Popp.
- CIP: Please note the the CIP will be coming to Council at the May In-Depth. We hope to have it out a week or two in advance of the meeting for your review.
- DPW Fuel System Project: The new fuel system is installed and working according to Randy Moeller our Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.
- Drones: From IDOT - Drone Guidance for Iowa Public Safety Officials Available Online. The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA's) recent Drone Webinar for Public Safety Officials is now available on YouTube and describes when and how law enforcement should investigate drone operations. It also discusses basic regulatory requirements for utilizing drones as tools in their public operations. The 39-minute webinar is available [here](#), and a short three-minute video titled "Know Your Own Authority" is available [here](#). The Iowa DOT has created an [Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\) web page](#) linking to key UAS information for pilots, airports, and public safety officials. Included are useful resources for public safety guidance involving UAS, the new videos from the FAA, and a link to a fact sheet on state and local regulation of UAS. Drones, also commonly referred to as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), are becoming increasingly popular with hobbyist, and are proving to be useful tools for business and public applications. Most activities are trouble free, but these materials provide guidance for public

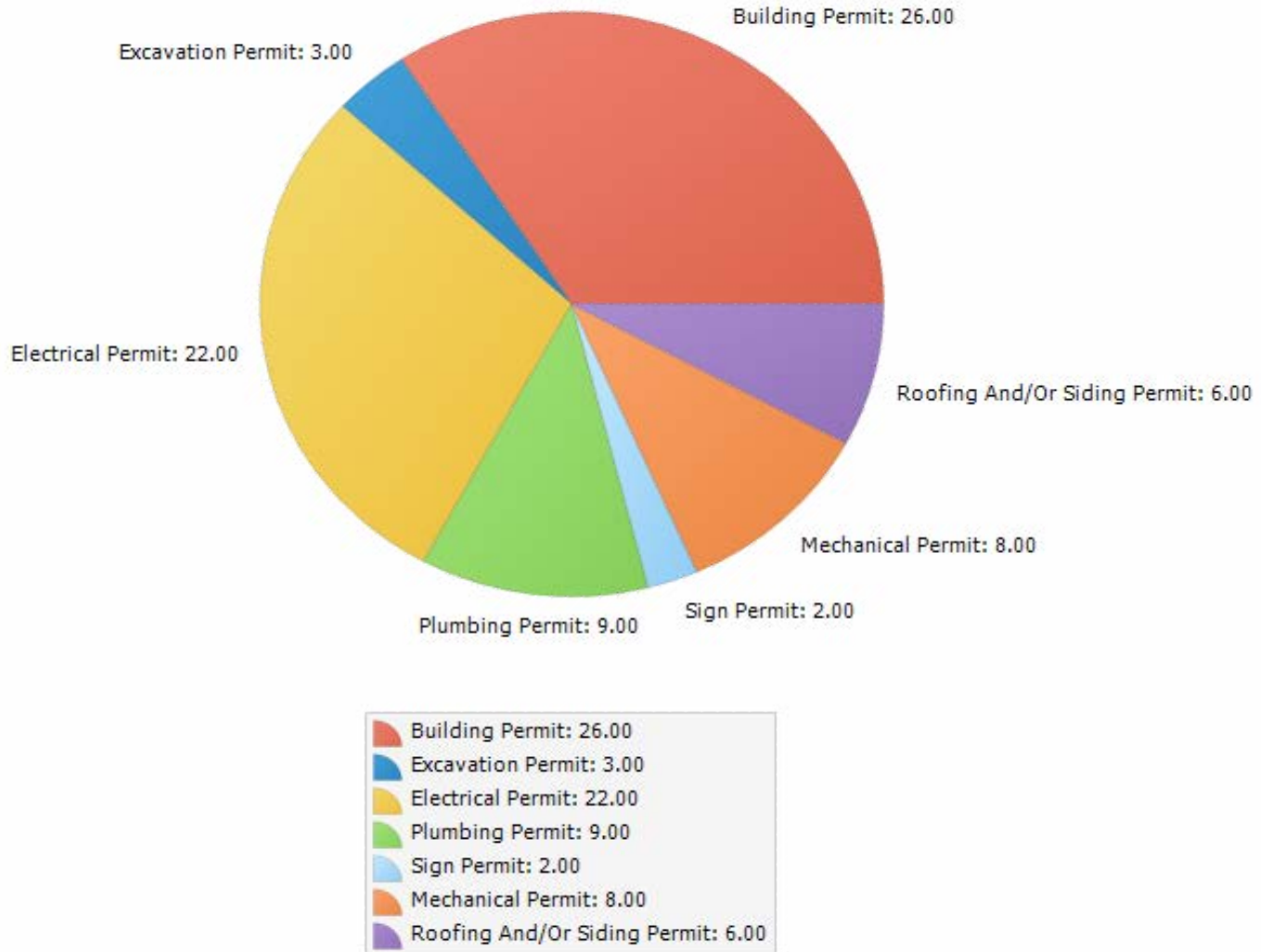
safety officials on how to deal with potentially unauthorized or unsafe drone operations!

- When should law enforcement investigate drone operations?
- State or local laws being broken
- Interference with law enforcement/emergency response
- FAA regulations being broken
- Immediate threat/interference to manned aircraft
- Any action endangering people or property
- Flight over critical infrastructure
- Flights in areas of Temporary Flight Restrictions ie. Presidential visits, Division I football venues (Iowa, Iowa State)

# Building Permit Breakdown - Monthly

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## Permits Issued this Month



Property Address	Case Type	Scope of Work	P - Job Contract_Bid Amount	P - Building Type	P - Type of Construction	P - Issue Date
216 W 2nd St	Building Permit	Wine Nuts portion of buildings. Expansion to include ground level in addition to existing 2nd level.	4500	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/13/2019
1112 Oak St	Building Permit	Construct 14' X 14' addition for bathroom and laundry	15820	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/5/2019
603 Aspen Trl	Building Permit	Basement finish/remodel	25135	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/1/2019
1117 Westwood Ln	Building Permit	Egress Window. Add Smoke detector inside and directly outside of each bedroom to be added.	4000.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/4/2019
2005 Shady Ln	Building Permit	Egress Window. Add Smoke detector inside and directly outside of each bedroom to be added.	4000.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/4/2019
1601 Plaza Pl	Building Permit	IOWA STATE EDUCATION Remodel interior of the existing facility including new framing, finishes, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical. Minor exterior patching and repairs due to age and deterioration.	210784	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
1319 Grand Ave	Building Permit	Siding and interior adding two walls - see plans	5000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/7/2019
311 Myrtle Ln	Building Permit	Tear off/ reroof house and garage. 52 square	13,500	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/12/2019
502 W 4th St	Building Permit	Reroof front porch area. 10 square	3500.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/12/2019
3205 Cedar St	Building Permit	AO Lobby Renovation	518,000	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
906 Cedar St	Building Permit	tear off/reroof 23 square	6200.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
1814 Foster St	Building Permit	tear off/reroof house & attached garage. 29 square	7650.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
101 E 8th St	Building Permit	Remodel/enlarge bedroom and add closet and bathroom	5000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
1711 Hershey Ave	Building Permit	siding replacement	1000.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/18/2019
1700 Park Ave	Building Permit	Install new windows in brick front. No structure to be removed, furred out wall to be open.	6000	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/19/2019
400 W 4th St	Building Permit	Tear off/reroof rear upper slope only.	2500.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
525 Woodlawn Ave	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Replace siding on residence	9300	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
1506 Isett Ave	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Tear off and reroof	6000	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019

3307 Mulberry Ave	Building Permit	Re-roof church and parsonage house	17,000.00	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/26/2019
1005 Sycamore St	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Replace siding and reroof residence	9700	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
1710 Hershey Ave	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Replace garage roof	600	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/25/2019
1926 Sterneman Blvd	Building Permit	Add 2 windows in basement for egress purposes	1500	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/25/2019
211 Monroe St	Building Permit	roofing	3,500	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
617 Climer St	Building Permit	reroof house	4000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
1502 Lucas St	Building Permit	Roofing back porch	1500	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
419 Evans St	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Reroof	7040	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
2425 W Fulliam Ave	Building Permit	Replace deck with same footprint	12000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
608 Liberty St	Roofing And/Or Siding Permit	Replace siding on house and garage	6500	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/28/2019
3313 Mulberry Ave	Building Permit	14'x16' addition and connecting deck	15,680	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/28/2019
2116 Fareway Dr	Building Permit	Leveling roof to meet existing face of residence	2000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/29/2019
2113 Grand Ave	Building Permit	Straightening north wall on residence	11000	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/29/2019
303 Cleveland St	Electrical Permit	Running 400A 480v 3 phase and wiring the shop for 50 circuits	50,000	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/4/2019
505 Ford Ave	Electrical Permit	Hon Remodel - Update all fixtures and outlets, Install (2) 84 space 208 panels, Install (2) 75KVA Transformers, Install HVAC control wiring, Remove and rework unused panels.	575,000	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
603 Aspen Trl	Electrical Permit	Basement remodel/finish - electrical for new lights, cans and switches	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/6/2019
1112 Oak St	Electrical Permit	Electrical for new 14' X 14' bathroom/laundry addition	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/5/2019
2111 Park Ave	Electrical Permit	Remodel Lights and recepticals	3,000.00	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/7/2019
1319 Grand Ave	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/7/2019
1319 Grand Ave	Electrical Permit	Electrical for kitchen and bathroom remodel	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/13/2019

101 E 8th St	Electrical Permit	Electrical for bedroom remodel and new bathroom	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
1601 Plaza Pl	Electrical Permit	Temp power, supply and install 400 amp service, supply and install (2) 100 amp panels, Install data drops, supply and install power to HVAC, conduit, wiring, supports, devices, and junction boxes.	\$49,700.00	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
1311 1st Ave	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/18/2019
505 E 8th St	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/19/2019
1749 Arbor Oaks Dr	Electrical Permit	Lights for remodel	600	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/19/2019
5600 Reynolds Ave	Electrical Permit	Separating circuits	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
411 Pine St	Electrical Permit	Electrical for complete gut and remodel of residence	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/22/2019
614 Mulberry Ave	Electrical Permit	Wiring for outlets in kitchen and bathroom	30	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/26/2019
513 Lorenz St	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/26/2019
609 McArthur St	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
6704 51st St S	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
2101 Ridgewood Ave	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
220 Fletcher Ave	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
112 W 6th St	Electrical Permit	200 amp underground	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
1400 Grand Ave	Electrical Permit	Moving the service meter panel for future addition	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/29/2019
1415 Grandview Ave	Excavation Permit	reconstruction of existing facilities	20	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/25/2019
1710 Miles Ave	Excavation Permit	repair sewer	20	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/22/2019
1605 Indiana St	Excavation Permit	Excavation for emergency sewer repair	20	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/25/2019
629 Maple Ave	Mechanical Permit	Install Furnace	20	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/5/2019
1117 Westwood Ln	Mechanical Permit	Install Furnace and AC	40	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/5/2019
216 W 2nd St	Mechanical Permit	Install Furnace, AC and duct work for Wine Nutz remodel/extension	7500	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019

2111 Park Ave	Mechanical Permit	Remove old hanging heater, replace with high efficiency Furnace and AC, run Flex Supply and return to accommodate space	4815	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/11/2019
2810 Mulberry Ave	Mechanical Permit	Install Furnace	20	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
303 Cleveland St	Mechanical Permit	Gas piping for shop remodel	500	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/18/2019
614 Mulberry Ave	Mechanical Permit	Install Furnace and AC	40	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/22/2019
411 Pine St	Mechanical Permit	Furnace, AC and Duct Installation due to fire repair	6200.00	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/27/2019
1204 Kirstin Ct	Plumbing Permit	Plumbing for new single-family residence	90	Residential	New Construction	3/4/2019
603 Aspen Trl	Plumbing Permit	Plumbing for basement remodel/finish	20	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/4/2019
827 Leroy St	Plumbing Permit	Install walk-in bathtub and lavatory	10	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/7/2019
1319 Grand Ave	Plumbing Permit	Bathroom remodel, laundry, and kitchen sink	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/8/2019
101 E 8th St	Plumbing Permit	Bathroom addition	15	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/14/2019
1710 Miles Ave	Plumbing Permit	repair sewer	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/18/2019
411 Pine St	Plumbing Permit	Plumbing for interior remodel of residence	60	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/21/2019
1605 Indiana St	Plumbing Permit	Emergency sewer repair	25	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/25/2019
614 Mulberry Ave	Plumbing Permit	Kitchen and bathroom remodel	15	Residential	Remodel/Addition	3/26/2019
2106 Park Ave	Sign Permit	Remove existing sign and replace with new	\$4500.00	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/7/2019
3702 Park Ave W	Sign Permit	Install qty (1) double face non illuminated exterior post and panel sign. Install qty (1) single face non illuminated exterior wall cabinet above 2nd main door to the right. Install qty (1) double face non illuminated exterior blade on existing post and panel sign.	2691	Commercial	Remodel/Addition	3/26/2019









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ADMINISTRATION

**MEMO**

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
From: Kevin Jenison, Communications Manager  
Date: April 11, 2019  
Re: Our City-Muscatine video program hosted by the Mayor of Muscatine

**Introduction and Background:**

On April 17, 2018, the City of Muscatine, in conjunction with Media Tree, LLC, launched *Our City Muscatine*, a video program broadcast live from the office of the Mayor of Muscatine at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. On April 16, 2019, the show will mark its' 50th show and complete its' first year of operation (two shows were cancelled by weather). Media Tree, LLC, offered their services free of charge, and has worked with the City of Muscatine in the development of the program and the "Our City Muscatine" Facebook account. The original script for the show had two guests featured, each with a 10 minute question and answer session with the mayor, a five (5) minute break between the segments that would feature pictures and/or short videos of what was happening in Muscatine, and an opening and wrap-up that would last no more than two and a half minutes each. The emphasis of the show would be apolitical, featuring City staff from the various departments and representatives from the many organizations in the community, and be an additional tool to push the positives of living, raising a family, working, and shopping in Muscatine.

**Recommendation:**

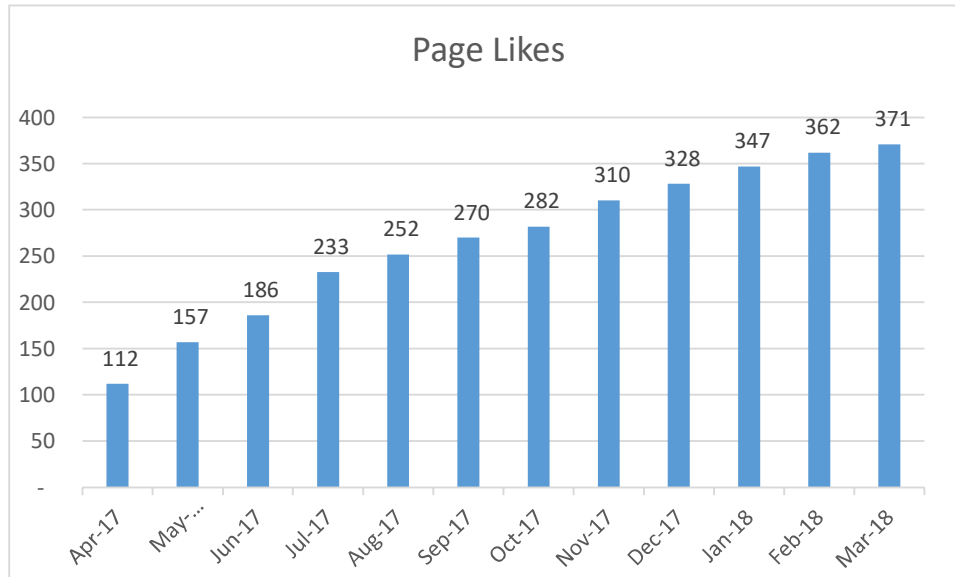
While programming has featured a vast array of useful information, knowledgeable guests, remained apolitical and positive about Muscatine, and is a useful tool to promote Muscatine, the show has not create the amount of traffic we would like the see. The City created a YouTube page for Our City Muscatine in November 2018, and gave permission to Media Tree, LLC, to transfer all videos to that page. In January 2018 we were able to add the component to live stream the show on Tuesday nights on the YouTube channel. However, Media Tree, LLC, has not transferred any of the shows to the YouTube page nor have they enabled the live streaming of the shows to YouTube (except for a couple of occasions but not in the last six weeks) in conjunction with the live stream on Facebook. The City remains optimistic that the addition of this channel will increase interest in the show.

Staff recommends that the program outline be modified to a more viewer friendly format (smaller segments), encourage Media Tree, LLC, to move the programs to the YouTube channel where they can be archived and referenced easier, encourage Media Tree, LLC, to live stream on both the Facebook and YouTube channels to increase viewership, and continue the partnership to promote Muscatine.

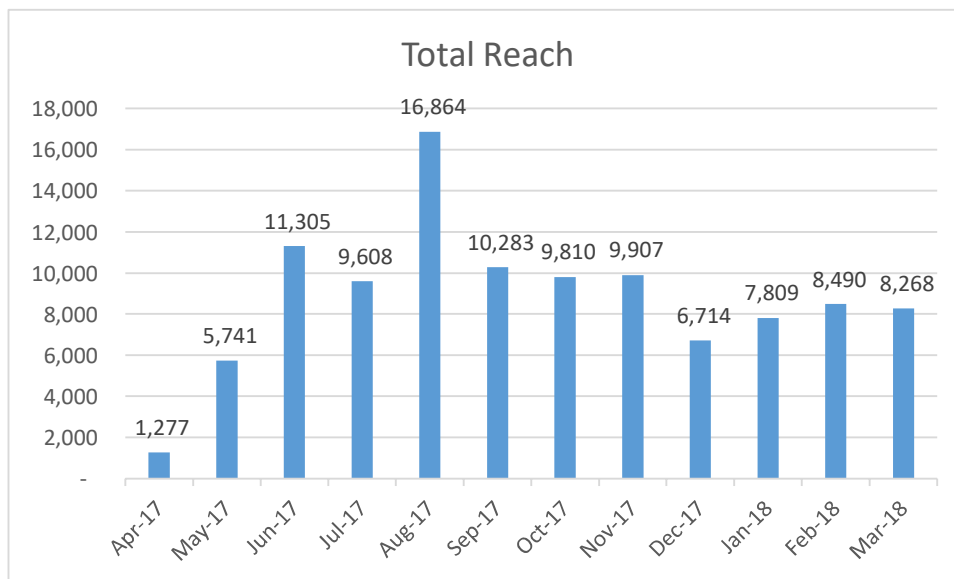
**Summary:**

Following is statistics from the first year of the program which has seen a slow growth in page likes and follows. The program has also shown to be unable to keep viewers' attention throughout the program which can possible be attributed to the length of time before the show actually starts after the 6:30 p.m. scheduled start time (showing image of outside of City Hall looking toward CBI), and the length of the program.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

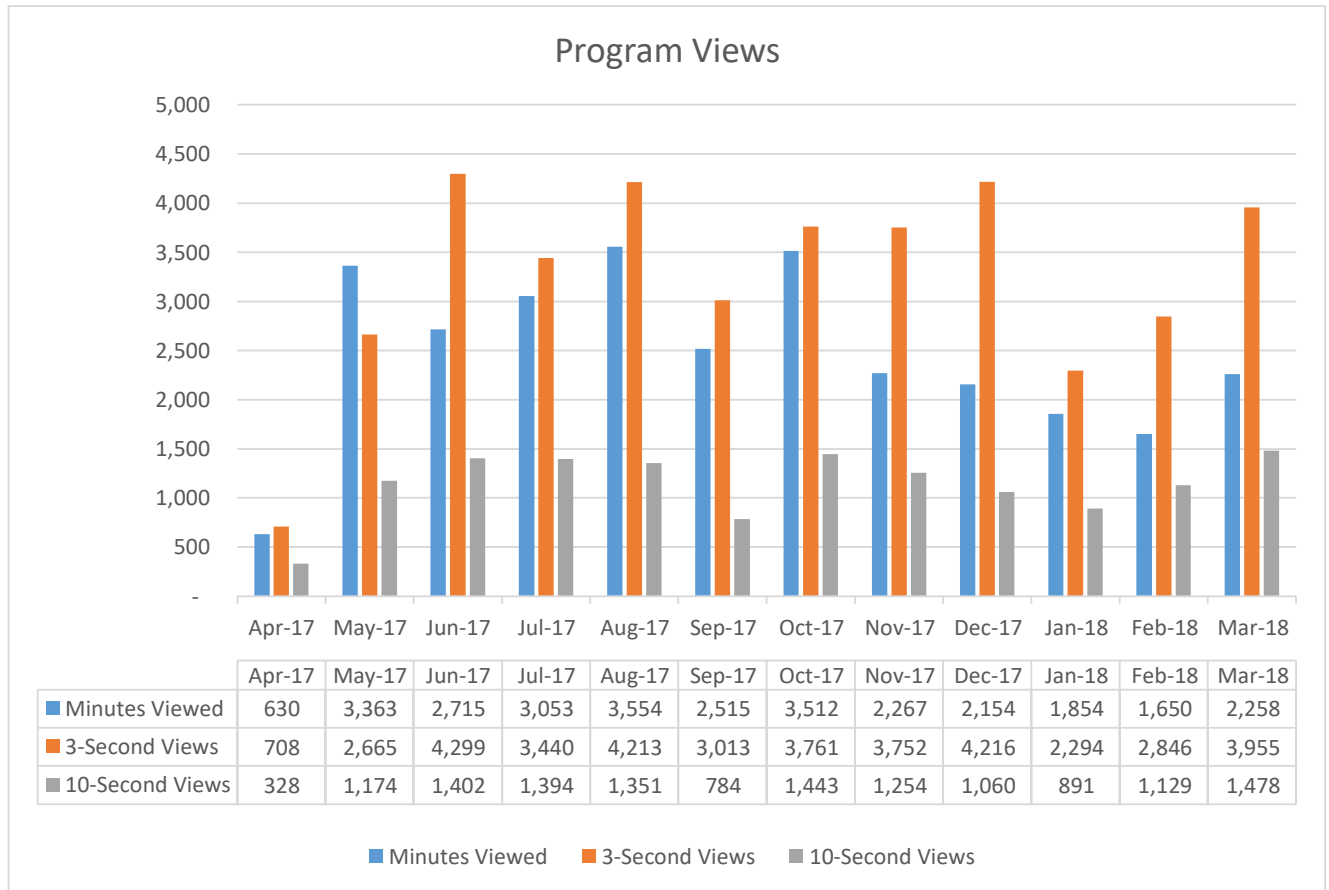


Facebook page likes have increased an average of five (5) per week since the page was established in April 2017.



Total Reach (the number of screens that the post has appeared with or without clicking to watch the video) has been fairly consistent since the program began. The only abnormality came in August 2017 when two shows crossed 7,500 screens (August 14 with a 4,039 reach and August 21 with a 3,560 reach). The broadcast has an average weekly reach of 2,192.

This chart lists the Minutes viewed each month along with views each month. A three second view is a view where the user watches for at least three seconds. A 10-second view is where the viewer watches for at least 10 seconds or more. Over half of the viewers are lost within that three-to-10 second span which results in the average viewing time of 20 seconds.



**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN CITY FINANCE

WHEREAS, several proposals are currently being considered by the Iowa Legislature concerning revenue growth caps and ending fund balance caps for Iowa cities, proposals limiting the use of the Trust and Agency Levy and other changes in established city finance law; and,

WHEREAS, upon review and consideration of the city finance proposals currently under review by the Iowa Legislature, the Spencer City Council has determined that proposed revenue growth caps, proposed caps on ending fund balances, and other proposed changes to the city finance system are not in the best interest of the citizens of the Spencer, are unnecessary and would have negative impact on the city and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spencer City Council as follows:

Section 1. The City of Spencer opposes proposed caps on annual city revenue growth.

Section 2. The City of Spencer opposes proposed caps on city ending fund balances.

Section 3. The City of Spencer opposes limitations on the permitted use of the Trust and Agency Levy.

Section 4. The City of Spencer's opposition is based on the following considerations:

- A. The City of Spencer has demonstrated fiscal responsibility by maintaining a stable property tax levy over many years.
- B. City budgeting and spending should be determined and controlled at the local level in the spirit of constitutional city Home Rule.
- C. Proposed limitations would have the effect of requiring the City of Spencer to issue more debt while, at the same time, reducing the city's credit rating and increasing the cost of debt.

- D. Increasing annual city expenditures are often the result of state mandates, such as a city's contribution to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System and the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System.
- E. Each city has differing needs, goals, and financial circumstances; uniform caps are not appropriate.

Section 5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 6. If any section, provision or part of this resolution shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in effect after its final passage and approval as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Kevin Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

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Theresa E. Reardon, City Clerk

**From:** Iowa League of Cities [legislativestaff@iowaleague.org](mailto:legislativestaff@iowaleague.org)  
**Subject:** Property Tax bill eligible for floor debate  
**Date:** April 12, 2019 at 12:08 PM  
**To:** [gmandsager@muscatineiowa.gov](mailto:gmandsager@muscatineiowa.gov)



# Legislative Link

April 12, 2019

88th General Assembly

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[Property Tax Reform](#) | [Rural Revitalization Centers](#) | [Preexisting Nonconforming Use](#) | [Empower Rural Iowa](#) | [ATE](#) | [Disposal of City Utilities](#) | [Legislative Forums](#) | [League Updates](#)

## You need to know

- The Property Tax Reform Bill was voted out of the House Ways and Means Committee and has been assigned a new bill number: [HF773](#). It is now eligible for floor debate. See below for what has changed and what has not. The League is registered against the amended bill.
- Legislator's per diem ends on May 3.

### [HF773](#) | Property Tax Reform

- Formerly [HSB165](#).
- House Ways and Means Committee adopted several amendments to the legislation. Members of the committee stated an intent to make more amendments on the House floor. One such amendment would allow pension obligations to be paid for by an uncapped, unvoted levy outside of the general fund. Language on how this would be accomplished is not yet available.
- The major changes from previous versions are:
  - **Amount exceeded built into future years base:** If a city uses the process to exceed the 2% soft-cap established by the bill, the

process to exceed the 2% soft cap established by the bill, the amount the city exceeds by will be built into the next year's base when determining future years maximum revenues. This prevents a city from having to annually request additional funds for recurring expenses.

- **Changes timeline to file resolution to exceed the 2% cap:** The amendment changes the deadline for submitting the resolution to exceed from December 31 to January 31. This allows cities to receive necessary financial information from the county assessor and Department of Management before moving forward with a decision to increase taxes.
- Items that remain in the bill that concern our members:
  - **2% “soft-cap” needs to be increased:** The bill still contains the 2% revenue growth limitation before a city must use the process to exceed, which could lead to a reverse referendum. 2% is not related to any index that reflects the increasing costs of goods and services. For example, increases in infrastructure expenses as well as health care may create a situation where the process to exceed needs to be used on a regular basis in communities that do not have significant “net new” property. If the legislature wishes to use a “soft-cap” percentage, then the percentage should be raised to a number that reflects the annual increases in expenses that cities face.
  - **Reverse Referendum needs to be replaced by a supermajority vote of the council:** The process to exceed provided by the legislation still contains the possibility of a reverse referendum occurring, which is an expensive proposition for communities that will need to exceed simply to pay for ongoing expenses. An election will cost our smallest members \$3,000, which does not include the additional outreach that will be required to explain to residents why they must vote again, even though they already voted to elect their city officials. In addition, our members have strong concerns that interest groups will hire out-of-city groups to collect signatures triggering the referendum, a situation which is occurring across the country. Residents of the community will then be left to pay for the election. For many cities the cost of these special elections are higher than the threshold of increased revenues it takes to trigger



one. This provision should be changed to a supermajority vote of the council to exceed.

### **Pensions and Employee Benefits need to be moved outside of the cap:**

Currently, the pension and employee benefits expenses that many cities use the Trust and Agency Levy to pay for remain under the 2% cap. Legislators have expressed a willingness to address this portion of the bill, but it will be important to make sure the language is drafted correctly. The best solution would be to simply remove the impacts to the Trust and Agency levy from the legislation. In addition to pensions, employee benefits also need to be outside the cap since they fluctuate greatly and annual increases regularly exceed 2%.

**Because Property Tax Reform has now passed through committee, it is eligible for floor debate. It is very important that you reach out to your legislators and let them know how this bill impacts your individual city.**

[Your legislators contact information can be found here.](#)

## **HSB252 | Rural Revitalization Centers**

- Companion to [HF468](#).
- Establishes the Rural Economic Revitalization Centers with four locations across the state focused on economic development, community improvement and policy advancements for rural Iowa communities.
- Requires that at least 50 percent of the tax incentives awarded by the authority each fiscal year shall be allocated for projects located in a small city based upon certain criteria.
- Passed through House Appropriations subcommittee.
- League is registered undecided.

## **HF701 | Restrictions on Lawful Preexisting Nonconforming Use**

- Companion and successor to [HSB100](#), [SSB1141](#) and [SF368](#).
- Prevents a city from enforcing or passing an ordinance that would prevent the replacement of a mobile home with another mobile home of similar

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features and dwelling units.

- Passed the Senate floor and is now sent to the Governor.
- League is registered in opposition.

## **HF772 | Empower Rural Iowa**

- Companion and successor to [HSB204](#) and [SSB1193](#).
- Expands low to moderate income housing tax credit small city set aside to \$10 million.
- Updates the criteria for rural broadband grants to reflect a changing figure as determined by the Federal Communications Commission rather than a specific download or upload speed.
- Amendment alters the definition of a small city to reflect recent population estimates rather than 2010 census data.
- Amended and passed out of House Ways & Means Committee.
- League is registered in favor.

## **HF774 | Automated Traffic Enforcement Regulation**

- Successor and companion to [HSB125](#) and [HF674](#).
- Requires regulations, requirements and notifications prior to a city utilizing an automated traffic enforcement (ATE) device.
- Mandates that revenues from ATE be divided with 60% going to the State's general fund and 40% going to the local authority to fund public safety, after expenses are removed for the installation, operation and maintenance of the system.
- This is the only ATE bill still active in the legislative process. Other legislation, outright banning ATE devices, died in the second legislative funnel.
- Passed out of House Appropriations Subcommittee and is now eligible for floor debate.
- League is registered in opposition.

## **SSB1184 | Disposal of City Utilities**

- Allows a city with a specific population threshold to forego certain procedures before selling a city-owned utility.
- Amendment was adopted at Senate Ways and Means Committee in order to narrow the criteria even further.
- League is registered undecided.

## Legislative Forums

April 12

[Rep. Heather Matson in Ankeny](#)

[Sen. Pam Jochum and Sen. Liz Mathis](#)

[Sen. Liz Mathis and Sen. Pam Jochum in Manchester](#)

April 13

[Rep. Megan Jones and Rep. John Wills in Spencer](#)

[Rep. Bruce Bearinger in Independence](#)

[Sen. Tony Bisignano, Sen. Claire Celsi, Rep. Marti Anderson, Rep. Bruce Hunter, Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad, Rep. Jo Oldson and Rep. Jennifer Konfrst in Des Moines](#)

[Rep. Mary Wolfe, Rep. Norlin Mommsen, and Sen. Chris Cournoyer in Clinton](#)  
[Rep. Brian Lohse and Sen. Zach Nunn in Bondurant](#)

[Sen. Amy Sinclair in Monroe](#)

[Rep. Marti Anderson, Rep. Jo Oldson, Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad and Sen. Janet Petersen in Des Moines](#)

[Sen. Amy Sinclair in Knoxville](#)

April 15

[Rep. Marti Anderson in Des Moines](#)

April 16

[U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley in Atlantic](#)

April 17

[U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley in Carroll](#)

[U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley in Carbon](#)

# League Updates

[2019 Nuisance Abatement Conference](#) registration has opened! Join the League in Coralville on May 15 for a day-long discussion on how to clean up your city and improve the community.

[Get even more updates and news from the League](#) by subscribing to *League Weekly*. That newsletter is emailed each Tuesday and includes grant opportunities, workshops and more.

**Thank you for taking the time to read the League's legislative newsletter, *Legislative Link*.**

As always, *Legislative Link* is a snapshot of the League's overall government affairs efforts. It is meant to provide as much information as possible without overwhelming you with the minutia of the legislative process. It is important to know that all of this information including bill numbers, viability, and even the bills contents are constantly changing until they are signed into law by the Governor. If you have any questions about the legislative process in Iowa, if you would like to get more information about legislation listed above, if you would like to know about legislation that is not listed above, or if you want to learn how you can be more involved in advancing the League's Legislative Values through grassroots outreach, please contact [danielstalder@iowaleague.org](mailto:danielstalder@iowaleague.org).

The League sends Legislative Link on Fridays during session, and it contains a snapshot of where pertinent bills are throughout the legislative process. Legislative Link is designed to educate and inform members of the current legislative process and climate as a first step to engaging and helping the League create positive outcomes for cities across Iowa. We hope you will help advance our legislative values, and we welcome your support.

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## PROJECT STATUS REPORT

**Project Name:** City of Muscatine - West Hill Sewer Separation **Month:** March 2019

**Prepared By:** Stanley Consultants **Project Number:** SCI: 17660: 30.02, 42.00; 43.00

"PHASE" refers to Design Package/Construction Contract

### **Progress for Last Month (March 2019):**

#### **Phase 4 – Construction:**

- Reviewed shop drawings; sanitary manholes and 24" sewer.
- Review shop drawings and maintain shop drawing log. Coordinate with MPW shop drawing review.
- Attend contractor progress meetings

#### **Phase 5 – Planning:**

- Project reporting and program maintenance
- Martin and Whitacre performed field work for part 1 Ravine Survey and is working on processing the data.
- Prepared revised schedule for Phase 5 if remaining survey is delayed.

### **Work Items for Coming Month (April 2019):**

#### **Phase 4 – Construction:**

- Provide construction services as needed
- Answer questions during construction
- Attend construction progress meetings
- Assist with shop drawings

#### **Phase 5 – Planning:**

- Program Maintenance
  - Continue periodic discussion on Phase 5 to keep on track. Next meeting - TBD
  - Continue to review televising data/report. Write summary memo.
  - Review sanitary services data and info collected by City staff when available.
  - Review survey of ravine when available.
  - July 2019 EPA annual report
- Martin and Whitacre to provide part 1 ravine survey data.

#### **Phase 5 – Planning Schedule**

- See attached

### **Key Issues & Information Required / Critical Information:**

Discussion and authorization on remaining phase 5 survey.