

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –May 16, 2019

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 16, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications-Citizens

Roger Chapman, 1012 E 8th Street, came to inquire why the compost site does not open until noon when the transfer station opens earlier and ask if the City would do something about the old Hardee's building on Park Ave that has been vacant for years.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-F: Petitions and Communications
- Item 9 A : From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-C: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,994,409.66

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Public Hearing

A. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the Amendment #2 to the City of Muscatine Budget for 2018/2019.

There were no comments, oral or written, from citizens regarding this public hearing.

Councilmember Spread moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

B. Mayor Broderson stated that the public hearing concerning a tobacco violation had been settled today and in lieu of a public hearing only an acceptance of the settlement agreement and payment are required. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the settlement and accept the payment from DJMB d/b/a West Side Store. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion Carried

From the Mayor

Mayor Broderson read and signed a proclamation for Poppy Days and presented the proclamation to Arlene Murry,

Item 11A

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Ordinance #2019-0104, approving residential refuse collection rates effective July 1, 2019, on third and final reading and to direct for its publication as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11B

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2019-0123, Amending Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 10 Subsection N of the City Code to extend the portion of the Riverfront in which alcohol is permitted at Special Events approved by Council. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11C

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0136, approving amendment #2 to the 2018/2019 City Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11D

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0137, consenting to Assignment of Trustee Agent Agreements; Escrow Agent Agreement; and/or Paying and Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreements. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council regarding the changes that were addressed by Finance Director Nancy Lueck. She stated the only thing that would be changing is who will be processing our payments and tracking bond holders.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt resolution #2019-0141, setting a public hearing on the 2019 Asphalt Alley Program. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11F

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0142, writing off debts of former Public Housing tenants. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11G

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0143, approving project acceptance and closeout for the Mississippi Drive Corridor Project Phase 1. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11H

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt resolution #2019-0144, authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement cost and unpaid rental inspection fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11I

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt resolution #2019-0145, setting a public hearing for the rezoning of property located along 5th street. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11J

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt resolution #2019-0146, awarding the contract for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station Project to Leander Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11K

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve Request #2019-0147, approving cooperative agreement for primary road project with the IDOT for the Park Avenue Lane Conversion Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

City Engineer Jim Edgmond gave a review of what the Park Avenue Lane Conversion would consist of including repairs of pavement, manholes, storm water inlets, curbs and gutters, replacement of sidewalk ramps, and new traffic signals.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11L

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0148, approving the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$33,000, to BMW Builders for the replacement of concrete in the Art Center parking lot. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Item 11M

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0149, approving the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of A\$25,000, to BMW Builders for the replacement of concrete for the fire station apron area. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – Ayes 6
Nays 0
Motion carried

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Fitzgerald requested an update on the tree removal on Houser Street. Mr. Edgmond stated they had received permission to remove the trees and had sent out a Request for Proposal for moving them.

There was discussion pertaining to the closure of Houser Street to complete the project being safer and quicker than leaving it open while the work is being done.

Councilmember Brockert reminded residents that is against City Code to put your grass clippings in the streets.

Councilmember Brackett asked for an update on when the streets that were closed due to flooding would be opened. Mr. Edgmond stated that hopefully by Monday but would depend on the upcoming weather conditions and the amount of clean up needed.

Mayor Broderson stated the flags were at half staff in honor of Police Officers Week.

Mayor Broderson requested a status update on the Jane House. Assistant Community Development Director Andrew Fangman stated nuisance notices had been sent and after 10 days the City would send Keller and Keller to mow and secure the building.

Mayor Broderson had questions regarding the field behind Heritage Heights, and it being planted and not harvested leaving a mess for nearby homes. Mr. Fangman stated it would depend on how the property is zoned on what the regulations would be.

Mayor Broderson stated that Joe Barnard and Kelsie Stafford would be the next guest on “Our City” and coffee with the mayor is schedule for Saturday morning at Happy Joes.

Councilmember Brackett motioned for meeting to be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Acting City Clerk, Nancy Lueck