

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 1, 2011

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2011, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#21764. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2011 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Roby.

Councilmember Lange stated that under Roll Call #21762, his name should be removed from the roll call vote because he was not in attendance at the August 18, 2011 City Council meeting.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21765. Councilmember Lange moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Approval of Outdoor Service Privilege for Pete's Tap, 1820 Angle Street, on September 17-18, 2011; approval of Outdoor Service Privilege for Plamor Lanes, 1411 Grandview Avenue, on September 23-25, 2011; renewal of a Class B Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Pete's Tap, 1820 Angle Street – Oscar's LLC (pending inspections); filing of Communication A; and approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,072,795.61. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor O'Brien stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of an access easement in the Chin Subdivision.

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

#21766. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21767. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the request to close Sycamore Street between 2nd Street and the alley on September 9, 2011 from 3 to 6 p.m. for the grand opening of the Bark Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Clinic located at 200 E. 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#21768. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to set Trick-or-Treat Night for Monday, October 31, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21769. Councilmember Roby moved the proclamation be adopted declaring September 11-17, 2011 as "National Assisted Living Week". Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#21770. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of an existing access easement in the Chin Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21771. Councilmember Roby moved the resolution be adopted accepting final work performed on the hangar access road at the municipal airport and authorizing final payment to Muscatine Bridge Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21772. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Kimrey Electric in the amount of \$325,005.30 for the airport lighting project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#21773. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve Change Order #1 for the airport lighting project. Seconded by Councilmember Lange. All ayes; motion carried.

#21774. Councilmember Lange moved to approve an agreement from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Use of Local Agency Roads for Incident Management – Temporary Detour Routes. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#21775. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the amendment to the City Hall Boiler Replacement Agreement to provide engineering services in the amount of \$3,900 for boiler replacement at the Clark House. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Housing Administrator Dick Yerington stated that in a discussion with Councilmember Fitzgerald earlier in the evening, it was his recollection the boilers had just recently been replaced. Mr. Yerington stated they had been replaced in 1995; however, the company that manufactured the boilers is no longer in business and parts are no longer available. He stated staff is looking at replacing the boilers in stages. He stated tonight's request involves the replacement of two boilers. He stated that within the next six weeks he would be submitting a request to City Council for the replacement of four more boilers.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21776. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the request to establish “No Parking” on the southwest side of the 300 block of Oak Street across from the HON Oak Steel Plant office building. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#21777. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to authorize the purchase of a John Deere XUV 825i Gator for the Golf Course from Elder Implement in the amount of \$8,265. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21778. Councilmember Roby moved to authorize the purchase of a John Deere XUV 825i Gator for the Soccer Complex from Elder Implement in the amount of \$13,380. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Bynum asked that the difference was between this vehicle and the one purchased for the golf course.

Nick Gow, the city's Athletic Facilities Manager, stated this vehicle will be equipped with a cab and heater so that it can be used through the winter season.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the vehicle could be driven on city streets, and Mr. Gow answered yes.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked why the Parks Department doesn't share one vehicle between the golf course and the soccer complex.

Mr. Gow stated that both vehicles will be used at their respective locations during the same timeframe.

Councilmember Roby stated she was glad to see the purchase of the vehicles from a local vendor.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21779. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the City Deer Hunt which begins September 10, 2011 and ends January 29, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Lange stated the information obtained from this year's deer count indicates the deer population has dropped from 172 in 2008 to 114 in 2011. He asked where the city was headed where the deer hunt is concerned. He then stated that he would like to see the requirements amended.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked what Councilmember Lange would like to see amended.

Councilmember Lange stated he would like to see the required acreage reversed back to what it had been originally.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he feels the deer hunt should continue.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked about the current acreage requirement.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes stated the current requirement is two acres. He stated that by IDNR standards, the city's deer hunt is now a maintenance program. He stated the INDR set dates for the city deer hunt are September 10, 2011 through January 29, 2012. He stated the normal deer hunt dates are September 1, 2011 through January 10, 2012.

Councilmember Lange asked what the acreage requirement had been prior to the two acres, and Councilmember Shihadeh answered one acre.

There was brief discussion about hunting on city owned property.

Councilmember Lange stated he does not see deer as often as he used to.

Mr. Klimes stated that calls have been received from people who want the hunting to continue and from those who want it to stop. He stated the city's deer hunt is the most efficient and cost effective way to manage the deer population.

Councilmember Lange asked Mr. Klimes if he thought one acre would be sufficient.

Mr. Klimes stated that issue would have to be addressed by the IDNR.

#21780. Councilmember Lange moved to amend the original motion to reduce the current two acres down to one acre.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Lange stated there are citizens who do not want the deer hunt so hopefully they will be more aware of what is happening after tonight's discussion.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated there have not been any accidents involving deer and to date the hunters have been very safe.

Mr. Klimes stated that decreasing the acreage to one acre, would increase the number of areas available for hunting.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that as a positive, a lot of meat has been donated to those in need.

Councilmember Roby stated there are more positives than there are negatives.

Vote – Five ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Roby. One nay: Councilmember Lange. Motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Roby stated she had talked with Leanna Richardson of Plamor Lanes and they are very excited that the Women's State Bowling Tournament will be held in Muscatine in 2013 and the men's tournament in 2014.

Councilmember Roby then announced that she has been asked to serve on the Executive Board of the Iowa League of Cities.

Councilmember Lange wished everyone a good Labor Day.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that Muscatine Power & Water was awarded the 2011 Power River Basin (PRB) Plant of the Year. He stated an open house will be held at the generating plant at 1700 Dick Drake Way on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the city received notification they were awarded an emergency efficiency grant in the amount of \$16,886 for the Art Center boiler replacement. He stated the grant for the City Hall boiler replacement is looking favorable. He then stated there is a warning system grant that the city will be looking into as well.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it is time for City Council to establish goals for the upcoming year. He stated he will be sending out possible dates for late September or October and will include weekday evenings as well as Saturday mornings.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if it wouldn't be better to wait until after the city election.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he would like to utilize the goals when going into budget preparations.

#21781. Councilmember Natvig moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator