

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
7:00 p.m. – June 18, 2020

This meeting was held electronically due to meeting regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday June 18, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

Jon Koch, Vice President of the Pollinator Project, was present to share about Pollinator Week. Mr. Koch stated June 22-28 has been named National Pollinator week. Mr. Koch gave a short presentation on the importance of pollinators on the ecosystem and encouraged citizens to plant native grasses and wild flowers in their own yards to help preserve the pollinators.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jindrich seconded by Councilmember Brackett, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-D: Approval of City Council Minutes
 - Items 8 A-L: Petitions and Communications
 - Items 12 A-E: Receive and File
 - Bills Totaling \$1,589,578.89
- Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

From the City Administrator

Item 11A:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2020-0201, correcting a drafting error in Section 10-22-1 (B)(5)(b). seconded by Councilmember Brackett.
Vote: Ayes -7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11B:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2020-0202, approving the vacation of a portion of the Cypress Street right-of-way, seconded by Councilmember Froelich.
Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11C:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0216, accepting the completion of the 2019 Asphalt Alley Program and authorizing final payment. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.
Vote: Ayes- 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11D:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0217, accepting the completed work

for the 2019 PCC Patching Project and authorizing final payment. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried

Item 11E:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0218 approving extensions to two Transfer Station/Landfill Industrial Contracts. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There were questions from City Council regarding the fee reductions that were addressed by City Finance Director, Nancy Lueck, and Interim City Administrator Greg Jenkins.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11F:

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0219, approving a contract with DVO Inc. for the purchase and installation of digester equipment for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

Item 11G:

Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0220, providing for addition review of FY 2020/2021 budgeted expenditures due to revenue impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Councilmember Jindrich motioned to amend the resolution to state that merit increases be cancelled for the current year. There was no second, motion failed.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 1,(Jindrich) Motion carried.

Item 11H:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0221, approving the issuance of a purchase order to RIVO, in the amount of \$21,000 for the installation of pressure washer. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11I:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2020-0222, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Henderson Truck Equipment in the amount of \$16,774, for the purchase of a dump body for truck chassis previously approved and purchased. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There was discussion among City Council regarding the possible deferment of this item that was addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 1(Malcolm), Motion carried.

11J:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0223, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Henderson Truck Equipment in the amount of \$25,576, for the purchase of a liquid application, anti-icing system. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

There was discussion among City Council regarding the possible deferment of this item that was addressed by Public Works Director, Brian Stineman.

Vote: Ayes 5, Nays – 2(Malcolm, Froelich), Motion carried.

11K:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0224, approving the renewal of IMWCA and ICAP Insurance renewals. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There was discussion among City Councilmembers regarding a request to have a special meeting to discuss insurance options.

Jeff Young, City Insurance Broker, stated that under the circumstance the best option for insurance was to renew the current policy. Mr. Young stated while many have increase their premiums ICAP was down 2.9%.

Rich Dwyer, Insurance Committee Member, stated that with the increase in policies, ICAP has done an amazing job being able to keep the rates down. He stated in his opinion this company is a great company to be working with.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried.

11L:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0225, approving a supplemental agreement for maintenance of primary roads. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried.

11M:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0226, approving the award of Economic Assistance for Muscatine Small Business Loans to 19 small businesses. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

(Councilmember Gordon removed herself from this vote due to a conflict of interest)

There were questions regarding a third round of applications that was addressed by Community Development and Housing Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin.

Vote: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried.

11N:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0227, approving a letter of support for an application to the Iowa Finance Authority for the award of HOME Funds for the proposed Steamboat Village Apartments. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

There was discussion among City Councilmembers regarding complaints and issues with this contractor on other local projects, that were addressed by General Contractor Chris Ales.

City Council requested weekly updates on progress being made by developer for this project in the future.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried.

11O:

Mayor Broderon asked for clarification about properties that are being maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Nick Gow stated the Parks and Recreation have been mowing, trimming trees and removing snow for properties obtained by the City of Muscatine in various locations.

Community Development Assistant Director Andrew Fangman stated these are properties that are in the process of trying to be sold.

11P:

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman and Police Chief Bret Talkington gave a presentation regarding the rules and regulations for the use of fireworks in the City of Muscatine, and what to

do in the event that you witness them being used. Mr. Talkington also discussed the warning and citation process being used for violators.

Mayor Broderson congratulated Officer Keven Sink on his retirement after 34 years of service to the Muscatine Police Department.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator