

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – October 6, 2011

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 6, 2011, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#21801. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#21802. Councilmember Lange moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Second reading for a new Class B Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Yacky Shack, 114 E. 2nd Street – Sony Johnson (pending inspections); transfer of Class A Liquor License for VFW Club from 421 Mulberry Avenue to 1415 Grandview Avenue – Veterans of Foreign Wars Club Inc. (pending inspections); filing of Communications A-F; and Bills for Approval totaling \$3,269,513.75 as well as receipt summaries and journal entries for May and June 2011. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes; motion carried.

#21803. Councilmember Roby moved the proclamation be adopted declaring October 24, 2011 as "United Nations Day". Seconded by Councilmember Lange. All ayes; motion carried.

#21804. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the appointment of Nancy Dew to the Library Board of Trustees. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21805. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to accept the grant amendment for the renovation of the municipal hangar and t-roof hangars at the municipal airport. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#21806. Councilmember Roby moved the resolution be adopted accepting the low bid and awarding the contract to Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors in the amount of \$61,886.89 for renovation of the municipal hangar and t-hangar roofs at the municipal airport. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21807. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors in the amount of \$61,886.89 for the renovation of the municipal hangar and t-roof hangars at the municipal airport. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked how much the bond was for.

Community Development Director stated the contractor's bond is in the amount of \$52,975.82.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21808. Councilmember Lange moved the resolution be adopted approving changes to the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency's Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21809. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving revisions to the Section 8 Administrative Policies. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21810. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted amending the Public Housing 2011 Capital Funding Program. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember LeRette stated it is his understanding funding for the overlay project for Sunset Park will come from capital funding budgeted in 2010.

Housing Administrator Dick Yerington stated Councilmember LeRette was correct. He stated a number of changes are going to take place that could leave the program with a \$100,000 fund balance. He stated tonight's request is a strategic move that will hopefully help head off the cuts that are coming down the road.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the city wants to see the funds spent locally. He stated he recently talked with a state legislator who encouraged the city to spend the money down. He stated City Council will see some capital projects in the Housing Department coming forward.

Councilmember Roby asked if there were any problems with moving the money, and City Administrator Mandsager answered no.

Mr. Yerington stated that HUD does not have to approve any changes the city makes to its capital funding plan.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21811. Councilmember Roby moved the resolution be adopted approving the low bid and contract and bond from General Asphalt Construction Company in the amount of \$64,637 for the asphalt overlay of parking lots at Sunset Park. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the work would be done this year.

Mr. Yerington stated the work will be done right away. He pointed out there is no bond required for this project.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated the documents and minutes should reflect the fact there is no bond required.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21812. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to authorize the purchase of a 2012 Ford MedTec Ambulance from Foster Coach in the amount of \$139,791. Seconded by Councilmember Lange.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the city was just purchasing the shell.

Fire Chief Jerry Ewers stated the \$139,791 was for the ambulance itself and the money remaining from the budgeted amount will be used to stock it with medical equipment.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked Chief Ewers if he has done business with Foster Coach in the past, and Chief Ewers answered yes.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21813. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve Change Order #3 for the South End Fire Station. Seconded by Councilmember Roby.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked why the generator was included as part of the original bid.

Chief Ewers stated it had been a part of the city's specifications; however, it had been overlooked by the architect. He stated he is confident the completed project will be under budget.

Councilmember Natvig asked if the existing station has a generator, and Chief Ewers answered no.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21814. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from the Fire Department to submit a grant application to the Iowa Homeland Security and Management Division to upgrade storm warning sirens in the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Roby.

Councilmember Bynum stated it was his understanding the sirens were owned by Muscatine County.

Chief Ewers stated the budget for the sirens falls under Emergency Management.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the city budgets money each year that is used for maintenance of the sirens. He stated the city must be the applicant for the grant.

Councilmember Bynum asked if Muscatine County helps with the maintenance.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he believes maintenance of the sirens is a city cost. He stated that Emergency Management is the entity that determines when the sirens are tested and is in charge of maintenance with the city responsible for those costs.

Councilmember Bynum stated he agrees that the warning system does need to be updated. He asked if they will still be upgraded if the grant is not approved.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the upgrade would have to be included in the budget portion of the Capital Improvement Plan.

There was discussion on reducing the number of sirens in the community.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he feels upgrades to the siren system should take place even if the grant is not received.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#21815. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the request from the Police Department for the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet Impala LS from Uptown Motors in the amount of \$12,000. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Councilmember Lange asked if this purchase adds an additional vehicle to the Police Department.

Police Chief Brett Talkington stated the department currently has seven detective vehicles and that this vehicle will be used as a travel vehicle.

Councilmember Natvig asked if one of the vehicles was going to the Fire Department.

Chief Talkington stated the Tahoe will be going to the Fire Department.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig complimented the Police and Fire departments for the open house that was held on October 2nd.

Councilmember Bynum stated he also felt the open house at the Public Safety Building was a great success. He then stated that the meeting for the Mississippi Corridor Study will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at the Riverview Center from 4 to 7 p.m. and that the presentation will take place at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting.

Councilmember Roby stated she had attended the Iowa League of Cities conference in August. She stated that one class she attended was entitled “The Five Driving Forces Shaping Local Government”. She stated she has that information available for anyone that would like to view it.

City Administrator Mandsager thanked Karen Olderog of HNI for her presentation at the staff meeting Monday morning on Lean principles. He stated there will be several staff members attending the consortium next week.

Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson reminded everyone of the Start Somewhere Walk to take place on Friday, October 7, 2011. She stated the goal for the state is 250,000 walkers. She encouraged citizens to find a registered location and walk.

#21816. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to go into Closed Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss the proposed acquisition of real estate. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

Mayor O’Brien called the Closed Session to order at 9:45 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Also present were City Administrator Mandsager and Community Development Director Steve Boka.

#21817. Councilmember LeRette moved to leave the Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#21818. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator