

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 10, 2011

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, November 10, 2011, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Street Maintenance Supervisor Randy Howell, Equipment Operator III Tammy King, and Mark Warren of the Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC).

The first item on the agenda was the proposal by the Riders Club of Muscatine. City Administrator Gregg Mandsager reviewed the information contained in his memorandum as well as a draft ordinance. He told City Council of another similar business that may be opening in Muscatine.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he was looking for direction from City Council on whether the proposed ordinance should be brought forth at a future meeting.

Councilmember LeRette stated he felt the \$30 should be eliminated from the taxi licensing permit application.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he feels the initial \$30 fee should be left as is with an additional amount of \$5 per every vehicle thereafter added.

Councilmember Lange stated that for-profit services charge more. He stated he feels the Riders Club would be a valuable service to the citizens.

Councilmember Bynum stated he liked the proposal as it was submitted with the request the Riders Club not be charged anything.

Councilmember Roby stated she liked Councilmember Fitzgerald's idea.

Anne Greene, representing the Riders Club, stated she understands the concerns voiced by City Council. She stated she is still working on the non-profit classification.

The consensus from City Council was to move forward with Councilmember Fitzgerald's suggestion.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on the GIS sign inventory. Tammy King, an Equipment Operator III, reviewed the features of our GIS sign inventory.

Street Maintenance Supervisor Randy Howell talked about and described the signs contained in the inventory.

Mark Warren of MAGIC discussed the future of GIS and MAGIC. He stated the MAGIC Board would like to get all entities connected and would like to add public access to some of the features by 2012. He stated the Board would like to see GIS opened up to more users. He stated it was only available on the city network right now.

Ms. King stated there are currently 5,000+ signs. She then explained the advantages of the sign inventory.

Mr. Howell then gave a brief presentation on the future plans falling under the GIS sign inventory.

There was further discussion by Council on signage in Muscatine.

Under comments, Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he was glad to see MAGIC staff out and about.

Councilmember Roby stated a public forum will be held next Friday night on where Muscatine is going with the Blue Zone Project.

Councilmember Lange thanked Public Works for the improvements to the railroad crossing on 9th Street.

#21857. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator