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TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CANADIAN PACIFIC ON AGENDA

City to receive funds to mitigate increased rail traffic once merger is completed

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The possibility of a railroad overpass on Dick Drake Way is one of the items to be discussed when the Council meets in regular session Thursday (August 4) in the Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall, 215 Sycamore Street, Muscatine, Iowa.



A virtual meeting will be held in conjunction with the in-person meeting for those who want to view the proceedings or make a comment but do not feel comfortable in attending in person. Details for joining that meeting are listed below.

An overpass over the railroad tracks on Dick Drake Way could become a reality in the future. That is part of a tentative agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPRC) following months of negotiations concerning the merger of Canadian Pacific (CP) and the Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCS).



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The tentative Community Investment and Settlement Agreement that is being presented to the Muscatine City Council for approval Thursday would not go into effect until after the Surface Transportation Board (STB) approves the merger.

Once approved CP would pay the City of Muscatine \$3 million with \$1.6 million to be used to meet the required 20 percent match for any grant applications to fund a grade separated crossing project. The other \$1.4 million can be used by the City to complete a pedestrian/bike crossing at the Oregon Street crossing, close the Day Street crossing, and mitigate other issues raised by increased rail traffic. CP will also provide a grant writer to assist with grant applications related to the grade separated crossing project.

Another potential project to be discussed Thursday will be a proposal from Muscatine Community School District (MCSD) to construct a Baseball/Softball Complex at Kent-Stein Park. MCSD has approached the City of Muscatine with a proposal to develop a \$4 million combined baseball and softball complex that would incorporate Tom Bruner Field and Kent-Stein Field #1 along with other associated improvements. The proposed development would include a new softball field for the City of Muscatine in exchange for ownership of Field #1 and Bruner Field.

In other business Thursday, the Council is expected to:

- Set a public hearing for August 18 on revisions to the Snow Emergency Ordinance;
- Award the contract for the 67th Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project to All-American Concrete, Inc.;
- Approve allocation of a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Mulberry Health Clinic Building Project;
- Approve changes to the City of Muscatine Smoking Policy;
- Approve a purchase order to Muscatine Power and Water for the HAWK Crossing at Earl and Oregon streets;
- Authorize the 2022/2023 City Deer Hunt; and
- Approve the settlement agreement and release with Benjamin Varela.



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Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download a PDF version of the City Council agenda and/or attachments.

Thursday's City Council meeting is open to the public. Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch and/or participate through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting portal. Information on joining the session and how to make a comment during the meeting is listed below. The session will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

On-Line Participation

To view or participate virtually, click on the link below or call in to the GoToMeeting. Be sure to mute your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone (press *6 when using phone or mute button on computer). At the appropriate time, you will be able to unmute your device to ask a question or make a comment. The public can also use the "chat" feature on *GoToMeeting* to pose a question to the Mayor, Council, or staff member. Those wishing to speak should use the chat box to post a message that will be seen by the Mayor who will address the questions or call on the speaker in turn. Those using their phones must wait until the Mayor asks for additional comments. The mayor will recognize you prior to you addressing the Council.

Muscatine City Council Meeting | Thursday, August 4, 2022 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (CDT)

Join the meeting from your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone by clicking the following link:
<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofMuscatine/city-council-meeting>

You can also use your phone by dialing [+1 \(669\) 224-3412](tel:+16692243412), follow the prompts, and type in Access Code 970-499-597 when prompted.

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