

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – May 3, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 3, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22058. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Renewal of a Special Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 203 Lake Park Blvd. – Max Brewer Corporation (pending inspections) and renewal of a Class B Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Permit for Pizza Hut of Muscatine Inc., 2512 Park Avenue – Pizza Hut of Muscatine Inc. (pending inspections)
- Approval of request from Geneva Golf & Country Club to dispense fireworks at their Family Fun Day event on Saturday, August 11, 2012, with the stipulation notice be provided two to five days prior to the event by radio and newspaper
- Approval of request to close Alley #1 to through traffic on May 19, 2012 from 3 to 10 p.m. and May 20, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Junior Olympics Boxing Tournament
- Proclamations declaring May 13-19, 2012 as “National Police Week” and May 16, 2012 as “Peace Officers’ Memorial Day”, May 3, 2012 as “A Day of Prayer”, and May 2012 as “National Preservation Month”
- Filing of Communications A-E
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,230,891.72

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed Tree Obstruction Project at the Municipal Airport.

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

#22059. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22060. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the May 2012 Addition to the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22061. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the Tree Obstruction Project at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22062. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Langman Construction in the amount of \$3,688,235.27 for the West Hill Sewer Project – Phase I. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22063. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the Mad Creek Sewer Extension Project for Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22064. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted endorsing the Muscatine Municipal Airport Projects for Fiscal Year 2013 and certifying the availability of matching funds. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22065. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted awarding the General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds Series 2012 to UMB Bank N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated that a total of eight bids were received and that the city was able to maintain its Moody's Aa2 rating. She then introduced Jenny Blankenship from PFM.

Ms. Blankenship stated she was here to report on the bond bids and related items. She stated the City Council had on their desks a summary of the bids received. She stated she had met with Moody's last week who did affirm that the city had kept its Aa2 rating. She then read the comments she had received from Moody's and some of the challenges the city may be facing.

Ms. Blankenship stated the low bid was from UMB Bank N.A. of Kansas City, Missouri. She stated the interest rate of 1.47% is phenomenal. She stated the calling of the city's Series 2003A General Obligation bond issue will now result in an estimated savings of \$5,600 in interest costs.

Councilmember Bynum stated that the information from Moody's referenced limited financial borrowing, and he asked what that meant.

Ms. Blankenship stated that what they are saying is the city is not borrowing every year. She then thanked City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and Finance Director Nancy Lueck for the work they did in preparing the official statement.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked how many cities in Iowa have a better bond rating than the City of Muscatine.

Ms. Blankenship stated she would forward that information to Nancy Lueck who can then provide it to City Council.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22066. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 7 p.m. on Amendment #2 to the 2011/2012 City Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22067. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the purchase of road rock salt from Morton Salt Inc. in the amount of \$58.59 per ton. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember Spread asked if we were splitting 1,500 tons of salt or 3,000 tons of salt with Muscatine County.

City Engineer John Lutz stated it would be 1,500 tons. He stated the city currently has 750 tons of salt on hand and this additional salt will be enough for an average winter.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22068. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Fiscal Year 2012 Justice Assistance Grant Direct Award. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Councilmember LeRette asked how these funds would be used.

Lieutenant Tony Kies stated it will be used to purchase new software for field training officers and to update the M-16s so they can be placed back in the squad cars.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22069. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the proposal from Snyder & Associates in the amount of \$9,500 for the design of the Water Pollution Control Plant's lab renovation. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember LeRette asked if the lab renovation was a budgeted project.

City Administrator Mandsager answered yes; however, the estimated cost of the project is higher than what was budgeted. He stated that staff would be working with the engineering firm to reduce costs and come up with a different plan.

WPCP Director Roger Kirby stated he was impressed with Snyder & Associates. He stated that staff may have been looking at too grand a project and will work on making the cost more reasonable.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22070. Councilmember LeRette moved to authorize the purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive from VanMeter Industrial in the amount of \$28,500. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked why this was not included as part of the original plan.

WPCP Director Kirby stated that four effluent pumps were included as part of the original project design. He stated the pumps originally specified for the project did not function properly, and the engineer has taken responsibility for the error. He stated that one of the pumps requires a VFD and it would be cheaper for the city to purchase it from VanMeter Industrial. He stated the VFD will allow the pump to speed up or slow down as the water flow changes which will save the motor.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22071. Councilmember Spread moved to adjourn action on the Resolution Approving the Development Agreement with R.L. Fridley Theatres Inc. to May 17, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Mayor Hopkins recognized David Courtois who retired from the city's Fire Department after 35 years of service.

#22072. Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk