

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – July 5, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, July 5, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Spread, and Phillips.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22131. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember LeRette, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the June 21, 2012 City Council meeting
- First reading for a new Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for El Sombrero, 801 Oregon Street - Rosa Rojas (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 927 Grandview Avenue - Max Brewer Corporation (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Babes Sinclair, 2307 Lucas Street - Rodney Yocom (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Native Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Casey’s General Store #2906, 3509 Steamboat Way - Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 306 Cleveland Street - Apple Corps L.P. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales for The Flower Gallery, 131 E. Second Street - Karen J. Diercks (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Hyink’s Service, 1206 East 2nd Street - Hyink Service Inc. (pending inspections); Outdoor Service Permit from 7/6/12 through October 27, 2012 for Samz Sports Bar, 103 Ford Avenue – Noe Sanchez
- Approval of appointments to the Art Center Board of Trustees and Recreation Advisory Commission
- Approval of proclamation declaring July 18-22, 2012 as “Muscatine County Fair Week”
- Filing of Communications 12A-H
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,765,860.05

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed-hangar apron drainage improvements at the Municipal Airport.

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

#22132. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of utility easements at the former National Guard Armory located at 1421 Park Avenue.

There were no oral written petitions for or against the proposed vacation of the utility easements.

#22133. Councilmember LeRette moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22134. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate and establishing a bid opening date for the project identified as "T-Hangar Apron Drainage Improvements" at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread Motion carried.

#22135. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of certain utility easements for property located at 1421 Park Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22136. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted releasing a real estate mortgage under the 2009 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program for 1828 New Hampshire Street. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22137. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted approving easements for Phase I of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22138. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the agreement with Anderson-Bogert Engineers & Surveyors Inc. for engineering and/or land surveying services at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22139. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Krieger Motor Company in the amount of \$17,250 for a 2009 Pontiac Torrent AWD for the Community Development Department. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember LeRette voiced his concerns about investing in a vehicle that is basically an extinct brand. He stated he understands the risk is remote and deals mostly with insurance; however, he feels it is an unnecessary risk.

Vote – Six ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. One nay: Councilmember LeRette. Motion carried.

#22140. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve a supplemental agreement with Stanley Consultants in the amount of \$3,500 for the engineering design renovations of the Bond and Schley pumping stations. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22141. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Annual Agreement for the Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette stated there were two events held in Muscatine last week that were very well attended. First was the appearance of Marvin McNutt, who graduated from the University of Iowa. He was in downtown Muscatine Saturday afternoon signing autographs. Second was the Ice Cream Social at the Art Center. He stated he was glad to see activities such as these happening in Muscatine and stated he hopes to see more.

Councilmember Natvig, echoing Councilmember LeRette's comments, stated our community is fortunate to have such a wide variety of events.

Councilmember Bynum reminded everyone that the next meeting for the new Comprehensive Plan will take place on July 10, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Transfer Station.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated he is currently in discussions with Muscatine Power & Water to determine why the bridge was not lit up during the 4th of July activities.

#22142. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk