

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – July 19, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, July 19, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Spread, and Phillips.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hopkins swore in firefighters Joshua Rudolph and Blair Dickey.

Matt Beatty, the city's Program Supervisor, stated that checks totaling \$22,000 for the Lagoon Shelter Project at Weed Park are being donated by the Monsanto Fund, Community Foundation, Central State Bank, and Kent Corporation. Mayor Hopkins accepted those checks on behalf of the City of Muscatine.

#22144. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the July 5, 2012 City Council meeting and the July 12, 2012 In-Depth meeting
- Second reading for a new Class "B" Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for El Sombrero, 801 Oregon Street - Rosa Rojas (pending inspections); Outdoor Service Permit for Veterans of Foreign Wars Club (VFW), 1415 Grandview Avenue – Veterans of Foreign Wars Club Inc. (pending inspections)
- Request approved for use of city property for 35th Annual Watermelon Stampede on Saturday, August 18, 2012, from 6 to 10:30 a.m.
- Request approved from Pearl City Outreach/Jesus Mission Church for use of city property for block party on Mulberry Avenue between 5th and 6th streets on September 22, 2012 from noon to 10 p.m.
- Request approved from Muscatine Association of Firefighters for use of city property for MDA's "Fill the Boot" campaign on August 22-24, 2012 during the times of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. at the intersections of 8th and Cedar streets and Lake Park Boulevard and Park Avenue with approved rain dates of August 29-31, 2012
- Request approved for use of city property for a block party from 1518 to 1538 West Acre Drive on August 11, 2012 from 3 to 10 p.m.
- Filing of Communication 12A
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,532,399.79 as well as receipt summaries and journal entries for February through May 2012

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22145. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for fare increases for the JARC Muscatine/Wilton service for Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22146. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted accepting the low bid from Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$297,300 for the Bond and Schley Pumping Stations Renovation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Natvig asked if this project involved the variable frequency pump.

Water Pollution Control Director Roger Kirby stated the variable frequency pump is for a project at the Water Pollution Control Plant. He stated these two pumping stations need to be repaired very fast. He stated there was \$300,000 budgeted for this project; however, staff feels that without jeopardizing safety, the city may be able to take things down to a lower level. He stated that to cover the overage for this project, the department will keep a pickup that is scheduled for replacement another year.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that staff feels confident value engineering will bring the project back into the range of the budgeted amount.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22147. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted supporting the renaming of the Highway 61 Bypass to the “Douglas King Memorial Expressway”. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22148. Councilmember LeRette moved to accept the grant agreement for the Tree Obstruction Removal at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22149. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Terry & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$6,225 for painting of the former HNI Hangar at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22150. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the change order for the Harrison Street Extension Project allowing for a two-lane configuration at the back of Colorado School in the amount of \$65,400 payable by the Muscatine School District. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22151. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the agreement with the Louisa Regional Solid Waste Agency for household hazardous waste services effective August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22152. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Team Services of Des Moines in the amount of \$17,235 for ground water sampling geoprobe drilling services at the landfill. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22153. Councilmember Phillips moved to authorize the purchase of a Model 74915 Toro mower for the cemetery from QC Power in the amount of \$7,469. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22154. Councilmember Spread moved to authorize the purchase of a GM 4100-D Toro mower for Park Maintenance from MTI in an amount not to exceed \$54,531.86. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22155. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the purchase of a SGX stump grinder for the Parks Department from Bobcat of Iowa City in the amount of \$6,446.22. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22156. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to authorize the purchase of a park shelter from Poligon in the amount of \$17,430.80. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if Poligon would be installing the shelter or if the Leadership group would be helping.

Park Maintenance Supervisor Les Dennis stated the Leadership group would be helping with the installation of the shelter from the ground up.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22157. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve a design services agreement with E.C. Design Group Ltd. in the amount \$20,000 plus incidentals not to exceed \$1,500 for the Golf Course Irrigation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Spread asked if these design services were a budgeted request, and City Administrator Mandsager answered yes.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22158. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the biosolids application contract with the Hahn property owners effective through December 2020. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked what equipment would be sold.

Mr. Kirby stated the tractor, ejector and umbilical system will have to be kept. He stated there is a slurrytank applicator and monitoring system that can be sold as well as two semi tanker trailers. He stated these items are like new and staff feels confident they can be sold for a fairly good amount.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22159. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to declare the slurrytank with accessories as surplus. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22160. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the elevation of one Operator position at the Water Pollution Control Plant to a Lead Worker position. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Spread asked if this was a budgeted item.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it was not. He stated the plant currently has five Operators and is looking to make one of those positions a Lead Worker. He stated that in 2013 the department will be taking the Assistant Director's position down to an Environmental Coordinator which will offset the cost of bumping an Operator to a Lead Worker position.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22161. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from the Police Department for the purchase of two Panasonic Toughbook computers from Vateck LLC in the amount of \$7,048. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette asked if the source of the bridge lighting problems had been found.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he had talked with a representative from Muscatine Power & Water who stated that a lighting strike had knocked out one of the controllers. He stated that Musco Lighting was contacted and they repaired the damage.

Councilmember Spread asked for an update on the West Hill Sewer Project.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the project is slightly behind schedule. He stated the original connection took longer than expected but the project is now moving forward.

Mike Knott of Stanley Consultants stated there was a delay in getting the boring equipment. He stated a water main was broken earlier today and has been repaired.

Mayor Hopkins invited everyone to stop by the city's booth at the Muscatine County Fair.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded City Council of the Iowa League Conference on September 26-28, 2012.

#22162. Councilmember Natvig moved to go into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5 at 7:32 p.m. to discuss proposed property acquisition and pending litigation. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

Mayor Hopkins called the Closed Session to order. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Phillips, and Spread. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Community Development Director Steve Boka, and Finance Director Nancy Lueck.

The topics for discussion included a proposed property acquisition and pending litigation.

#22163. Councilmember Natvig moved to leave the Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22164. It was moved by Councilmember Fitzgerald that the time for the public hearing concerning the fee increases to the JARC Muscatine/Wilton service be changed to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22165. Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk