

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – August 2, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, August 2, 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.

#22166. Councilmember Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the July 19, 2012 City Council meeting
- Renewal of a Special Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Permit and Sunday Sales for Wine-Nutz, 208 W. 2nd Street Pearl Plaza – BMBMG LLC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class C Liquor License for Port City Underground, 208 W. 2nd Street – Lacey Henderson-Mueller (pending inspections); Outdoor Service Permit for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue – R&D Operations Ltd. on August 11-12, 2012 (pending inspections); renewal of a Class B Beer Permit, Outdoor Permit and Sunday Sales for Pete’s Tap, 1820 Angle Street – Oscar’s LLC (pending inspections and insurance); Special Class C Liquor License (previously a Class C Liquor License) for Port City Pizzas Uptown, 1903 Park Avenue – Lacey Henderson-Mueller (pending inspections and insurance)
- Appointment of Brian Wright to Art Center Board of Trustees
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,200,389.26

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed fare increase for the JARC Muscatine-Wilton service.

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

#22167. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22168. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the fare increase for the JARC Muscatine-Wilton service from \$1 per ride to \$2 per ride. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked what the actual cost was per rider.

Transit Supervisor Kristy Korpi stated that the cost in 2011 was \$11.88 per ride.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if the remainder was subsidized, and Ms. Korpi answered yes.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the city would be breaking even with this fare increase.

Ms. Korpi stated this program was originally funded by ICAP; however, those funds have been exhausted. She stated that now 50% of the funding is provided by the city and the remaining 50% by JARC.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked if Muscatine residents are being taken to Wilton.

Ms. Korpi answered yes. She stated that occasionally there are Wilton residents who ride the bus back to Muscatine but primarily the riders are employees who work in Wilton.

Councilmember Bynum asked when the fare increase will go into effect, and Ms. Korpi stated Monday, August 6, 2012.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the riders had been informed of this increase, and Ms. Korpi answered yes.

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

#22169. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Dickey Farms Excavating in the amount of \$43,319.82 for the Tree Obstruction Removal Project at the Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22170. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted accepting the acquisition of property for the Harrison Street Extension Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22171. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted releasing the real estate mortgage for 2313 Isett Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22172. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors in the amount of \$297,300 for the Bond and Schley Pumping Stations Renovation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22173. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to accept the low bid from Krieger Motor Company in the amount of \$20,015 for a new lab/pretreatment truck. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22174. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the bid from Terry and Sons in the amount of \$76,952 for painting of the effluent clarifier at the Water Pollution Control Plant. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked when the spending was going to stop for this renovation project. He then asked about the completion date.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated a meeting will be held next week with the engineer, city staff, and the city's attorney to resolve some of the outstanding issues.

WPCP Director Roger Kirby stated there is currently one project to complete and that is the installation of the effluent pump. He stated that at this point there is nothing for the contractor to do until the pump is received. He stated the project should be completed in October or the first part of November.

Mr. Kirby stated that the painting of the clarifier came about because of an algae problem. He stated that painting the clarifier will make the surface slippery and should help alleviate the algae buildup.

Mr. Kirby, speaking in reference to the renovation project, stated at the meeting next week everything should be finalized. He stated information stemming from that meeting will be brought to City Council's attention before any decisions are made.

Councilmember Shihadeh stated that he does not want to see any fee increases in January or February due to improvements taking place now. He stated he does not want any surprises during the upcoming budget season.

Mr. Kirby stated he does not anticipate that happening.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded City Council that it will soon be time for a rate study for the Water Pollution Control Plant. He stated that if there are any rate increases, they will not be related to this project.

Councilmember Natvig asked if the items on the punch list have been completed.

Mr. Kirby stated there are only a few minor items that need to be addressed.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22175. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the purchase of a one ton truck for Refuse Collection from Karl Chevrolet in the amount of \$31,622. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22176. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the placement of a stop sign on Harrison Street at Bandag Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22177. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the pre-annexation agreement with Ripley's Development Corporation and Ripley's Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#22178. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the City of Muscatine's 2012/2013 Deer Management Program. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22179. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the amendment with AJ Associates in the amount of \$5,600 for the City Hall Boiler Replacement Project to include the replacement of the six remaining boilers at the Clark House. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator Mandsager, speaking in reference to Item 11M pertaining to the proposal for the city's goal setting sessions, stated that in the past the city had worked with Tim Shields of the Institute of Public Affairs. He stated that Mr. Shields has since passed away.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he did some investigating and found that Lyle Sumek Associates Inc. came highly recommended from several cities they have served. He stated City Council has two options: 1) Proceed along the same lines as we have been doing and discuss this matter further during budget review sessions or 2) bring in a third party to facilitate the goal setting sessions. He stated he is seeking input from City Council on this matter.

#22180. Councilmember LeRette moved this matter be tabled until budget review sessions. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated it was his understanding the money that would be spent for these services was not budgeted.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that Councilmember Fitzgerald was correct. He stated a motion to table this matter is not required because it will be a discussion item during the budget sessions.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he will be looking at setting the goal setting session sometime in September or October.

Mayor Hopkins asked if the matter needed to be tabled to get it off the agenda, and City Administrator Mandsager answered no.

Under comments, Councilmember Spread stated that during the course of summer construction, a stop sign was placed at the intersection of 8th and Cypress streets. He stated he has received comments about making this stop sign permanent, and he asked if the Traffic Committee could look into that possibility.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the Traffic Committee would look at this request.

Mayor Hopkins congratulated Councilmember Bynum who observed his birthday earlier in the week.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he had an item pertaining to the Fridley Theatres construction project requiring action by City Council. He stated that Sulzberger Excavating would like approval to close Mulberry Avenue on August 13, 2012 for approximately six to eight hours. He stated that since there is no City Council meeting before this date, he is asking that City Council approve the request pending the receipt of the required paperwork and notification of adjacent property owners.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if emergency vehicles would be allowed passage.

City Administrator Mandsager answered yes and stated the contractor will need to work with all of the affected property owners as well as emergency responders.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated Mulberry Avenue will actually be closed approximately one week which would be August 13-17, 2012. He stated the contractor will have to put in a trench to run sewer and water lines. He stated it is important to have this work done prior to school starting on August 20, 2012. He stated the contractor has been working diligently on the required notifications and still needs to contact the Iowa Department of Transportation.

City Administrator Mandsager asked why the project was going to take longer than the six to eight hours originally requested.

Mr. Hill stated it was not possible to get the required work done in one day.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked how drivers would get to the Bypass.

Community Development Director Steve Boka stated drivers will be able to use Steamboat Way to get to the Bypass.

Mayor Hopkins asked if either of the lanes would be passable, and Public Works Director Hill answered no.

#22181. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from Sulzberger Excavating for the closure of Mulberry Avenue on August 13-16, 2012 to allow for trench work for the Fridley Theatres construction project subject to the receipt of the necessary paperwork and notification to adjacent property owners and emergency responders. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22182. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Clerk