

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – December 20, 2012

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, December 20, 2012, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22334. Councilmember Bynum, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the December 6, 2012 City Council meeting and December 13, 2012 In-Depth meeting
- Renewal of a Class C Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Samz Sports Bar, 103 Ford Avenue – Noe Sanchez (pending inspections and insurance)
- Filing of Communication 12A-C
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$2,284,556.04

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22335. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed annexation to and within the City of Muscatine (eastern portion of Ripley's Mobile Home Park) for Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22336. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed annexation to and within the City of Muscatine (western portion) for Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22337. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed zoning change within the Ripley's Mobile Home Park for Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22338. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property located at 2875 Highway 61 – Mills Marine. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22339. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property owned by Ripley's Development Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22340. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing to consider a Community Development Block Grant Application for Downtown Revitalization in the City of Muscatine for Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked about the area downtown being proposed for revitalization.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated it involves 2nd Street from Iowa Avenue to Cedar Street. He stated the city is looking at properties on the river side of 2nd Street, specifically those

properties whose backs become the fronts on Mississippi Drive. He stated a complete review will take place at the January In-Depth meeting. He stated the deadline for submitting the application is January 30, 2013.

Councilmember Natvig stated the memo indicates that some of the owners are interested in this program, and City Administrator Mandsager stated that was correct.

Councilmember LeRette asked when notification of the award could be expected.

City Administrator Mandsager stated information would be provided at the January In-Depth meeting.

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

#22341. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving a mortgage release for 106 Taylor Street. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22342. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the West Hill Area Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation – Phase II for Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22343. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the request from the Police Department to authorize the purchase of five police patrol vehicles from Krieger's in the amount of \$123,650. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Councilmember Spread asked if funding had been budgeted for this purchase.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that \$165,000 had been budgeted and the difference will be used for the changeover of equipment into the new vehicles.

Councilmember Spread asked if staff expects to stay within the budgeted amount, and City Administrator Mandsager answered yes.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22344. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the request from the Police Department for the purchase of two radar units from Stalker in the amount of \$5,225. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22345. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the Fire Department's request for restructuring. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated it was his understanding the Assistant Chiefs would now become Battalion Chiefs and the person being moved to the 40 hour position will be the Assistant Chief.

City Administrator Mandsager stated Councilmember Fitzgerald was correct. He stated an amended pay plan will be submitted for City Council's approval at the next City Council meeting to make the restructuring official. He stated that approval of the amended pay plan will allow the changes to be made now.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22346. Councilmember Spread moved to approve Change Order #4 for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project – Phase I. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22347. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from the Traffic Committee to post “No Parking” on the south side of the alley between Lombard-Cypress and Washington-East 8th streets. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22348. Councilmember Spread moved to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22349. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to enter into an agreement with Springbrook Software for a new financial software system. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22350. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the 2013 Core Values, Vision and Mission and the 2013 City Council Goals and Management Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

#22351. Councilmember LeRette moved to amend the original motion changing the verbiage under Council Policy Agenda 2012-2013 (Top Priority) to “Develop policies/incentives to encourage in-fill opportunities and address blight within the city limits”. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There was discussion by City Council both in favor and in opposition of the proposed amendment.

City Administrator Mandsager stated staff does not feel strongly either way. He stated goals are a positive tool outlining what City Council wants to see done. He stated the goals are also a marketing tool. He stated that including blight in the goals is less than positive but he has no problem with including the term if City Council so desires.

Vote on amendment – Four ayes: Councilmembers Spread, LeRette, Shihadeh, and Natvig. Two nays: Councilmembers Fitzgerald and Bynum. Motion carried.

Vote on original motion as amended – Four ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Spread. Two nays: Councilmembers Fitzgerald and Bynum. Motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Natvig commended the Public Works Department and its staff. He stated that the new snow removal policy was working well today.

Councilmembers Shihadeh wished everyone a happy holiday.

Councilmember Bynum wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Spread stated he feels that information concerning snow and ice control on the city’s website is obscure. He suggested making the information easier for folks to find.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that snow and ice control information can be accessed from the Roadway Maintenance page. He also encouraged folks to sign up to receive notification of snow emergencies.

Public Works Director Randy Hill noted the information was now on the main page.

Councilmember Spread then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

City Administrator Mandsager stated there is a lot of good information on the Snow and Ice Control site, and he encouraged everyone to sign up for notifications.

Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Hopkins stated it has been a very good year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#22351. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator