

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – February 7, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins City Council meeting for Thursday, February 7, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22388. Councilmember LeRette, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Minutes of the January 17, 2013 City Council meeting and January 31, 2013 General Fund Overview
- Second reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License for Delta Waterfowl, 3200 Lucas Street – Delta Waterfowl Foundation (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Loos Inc., 711 Park Avenue – Loos Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #436, 501 Cedar Street – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #437, 709 Grandview Avenue – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Class “E” Liquor License for Fareway Stores Inc. #998, 2100 Cedar Plaza Drive – Fareway Stores Inc. (pending inspections); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Diamond Dave’s Taco Co., 2608 Second Avenue – South Of The Border Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Renewal of a Taxicab License for Non-Emergency Medical Transport Inc. – Dana A. LaRue – 45 Colony Drive
- Use of city property approved for April Cancer Fun Run/Walk on April 20, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$1,967,856.39

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

At this time Mayor Hopkins read information concerning MuscaBus driver Robert G. Barkema who assisted a gentleman who had fallen down in his home. The Mayor then presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Barkema for going above and beyond the duties of a MuscaBus driver.

Mr. Barkema, after accepting the award, stated, “You hope you do the right thing, and Reed, the gentleman that I helped, would say I did the right thing.”

#22389. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat for the Ripley Addition Part One. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22390. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property within the Ripley’s Mobile Home Park. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22391. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted awarding General Obligation Refund Bonds, Series 2013, to Central State Bank of Muscatine, and authorizing the calling of 2006 bonds. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck stated bids were received earlier in the day. She stated bids were solicited from the three local banks with the lowest bid from Central State Bank. She stated this action will save the city approximately \$48,000. She then stated there will be one more action item required to complete the financing.

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

#22392. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted accepting easements for the Cedar Street Reconstruction Project – Phase II. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Natvig thanked Trinity and the Y for their property donations.

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

#22393. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted awarding the contract for the West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project – Phase II to Langman Construction of Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$3,686,579.01. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Spread asked why there was a large difference between the bids that were received.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that bids received ranged from \$4.7 million down to the lowest bid from Langman Construction. He stated that Miller Trucking from the Rock Island/Moline area was a new bidder to the city and was very close to the contractor who is presently on site.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated Langman Construction is already on site and will be able to begin Phase II while finishing Phase I.

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

#22394. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted officially using the name E. 24th Street for the improved public street located north of Cottonwood Apartments and east of University Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked why it wasn't named Ford Avenue or East Ford Avenue.

Public Works Director Hill stated there is quite a distance between where Ford Avenue ends to this property on University Drive. He stated it is basically another street off of University Drive.

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

#22395. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation in the amount of \$138,000 for signal design and installation in front of the high school on Cedar Street. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#22396. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Interstate Power Systems in the amount of \$86,697.88 for diesel emission reduction equipment and installation and

a purchase order to Nelson Electric in the amount of \$1,900 for installation of a regeneration panel. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22397. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Mac's Trailers (Heartland Trailers) in the amount of \$5,000 for a partial tilt bed trailer for Public Works. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Shihadeh stated that the city's budget sessions for fiscal year 2013/2014 are still ongoing. He encouraged citizens to attend the meetings.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that Councilmembers had on their desks a copy of the Economic Development quarterly from the GMCCI.

Mayor Hopkins stated that next Thursday, February 14, 2013, Chinese government officials from Hebei Province will be visiting Muscatine. He asked everyone to say hello.

#22398. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator