

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – April 4, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, April 4, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hopkins presented Sarah Lande with a Key to the City for her contributions to our community and the State of Iowa.

Mrs. Lande accepted the key and thanked everyone. She stated that she loves our community.

Bill Maher, a resident of the Clark House, stated he was present to voice his opposition to the proposed “No Smoking” policy at the Clark House. He explained why he was opposed to the ban and ended by stating he feels his liberties have been violated.

#22445. Councilmember Bynum, seconded by Councilmember Natvig, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of March 21, 2013 Regular City Council minutes
- Renewal of a Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Casey’s General Store #2944, 3010 University Drive – Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections)
- Request approved from Sts. Mary & Mathias Catholic School for use of city property for 5K Hustle on April 6, 2013 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Request approved from Christine Post for street closure at 205-206 Cherry Street on June 14-17, 2013 for wedding activities
- Request approved from Hy-Vee for use of city property for Hy-Vee’s “Miles for Education” 5K/10K run on October 4, 2013 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on October 5, 2013 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Proclamations approved declaring April 26, 2013 as “Arbor Day” and April 22, 2013 as “Earth Day”
- Approval of Sister Cities Agreement Between the City and Zhengding County, Hebei Province of the People’s Republic of China
- Filing of Communications 12A-G
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,080,581.19

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22446. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving the official pay plan for non-union employees effective April 4, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22447. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the official pay plan for non-union employees effective July 1, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22448. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted establishing rates for parking meters and parking meter hoods. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he received a call from an individual that feels increasing the parking fees will only cause more issues on 2nd Street where parking is free.

City Administrator Mandsager stated employers on 2nd Street should require their employees to park elsewhere. He stated that business owners are encouraged to enforce parking in the downtown area.

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated business owners are the biggest violators.

Councilmember LeRette stated parking was discussed during the budget sessions. He stated free parking was instituted on 2nd Street to attract more customers. He stated he feels the city cannot continue to have two classes of parking which are parking that is free and parking that is not. He stated there are businesses in the downtown area that are not located on 2nd Street and their customers have to pay the parking meters.

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

#22449. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22450. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the amendment to the Diesel Emission Reduction Contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22451. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the pre-construction agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for hot mix asphalt resurfacing. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22452. Councilmember Spread moved to approve the agreements with AJ Associates for HVAC studies at City Hall and the Muscatine Art Center and Musser Museum in the amount of \$15,000 (\$7,500 each). Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22453. Councilmember Phillips moved to declare city property as surplus. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22454. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the purchase of two transit buses at a cost of \$88,000 each with the city's portion being \$14,960 per bus or \$29,920. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the fiscal year 2012/2013 budget will be amended at the end of the fiscal year to allow for the purchase of these two buses.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, City Administrator Mandsager stated that Earth Day would be taking place on April 19, 2013 at the Discovery Park. He encouraged everyone to attend this event.

Mayor Hopkins extended a thank you to MuscaBus for doing such a professional job while escorting members of the visiting Chinese delegation.

He then stated there is 32 minutes until tip off. Go Hawks!

#22455. Councilmember Bynum moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator