

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR/IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – July 11, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, July 11, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Phillips. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Public Works Director Randy Hill, City Engineer Jon Lutz, Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch, and Police Chief Brett Talkington.

PUBLIC HEARING

This public hearing concerns the Dawson Street Reconstruction Project.

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

#22539. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22540. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the Dawson Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

City Engineer Jon Lutz stated there will be an area on Houser Street included as part of this project which should be done in October.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

This public hearing concerns the 2013 Asphalt Overlay Program.

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

#22541. Councilmember Natvig moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#22542. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the 2013 Asphalt Overlay Project. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Bynum asked if Mississippi Drive would be included with this project.

Public Works Director Randy Hill answered no stating that Mississippi Drive is part of the state highway system.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if the streets included as part of the overlay program warrant the work.

Public Works Director Hill answered yes based on the city's rating system.

Councilmember Phillips asked if it will be necessary to completely close Washington Street.

Public Works Director Hill stated this is a state project and most likely one lane will be open to traffic.

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

#22543. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. on the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and setting the bid opening date for the Water Pollution Control Lab Annex Project. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if there were any more large capital projects expected. Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch answered no. He stated that upcoming projects were smaller and revenue related. He also stated that some of the projects will be mandated. Councilmember Natvig stated it was his understanding that an earlier estimate came in higher than anticipated. He was told that was correct and that staff is hopeful bids will come in under the engineer's estimate.

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

#22544. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve Change Order #6 for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project – Phase I. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22545. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the closure of the 100 block of E. 7th Street for sewer repairs beginning either Friday, July 12, 2013, or Monday, July 15, 2013, for an expected period not to exceed three days. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

#22546. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the request from the Police Department for the purchase of three Panasonic ToughPad Tablet computers along with mounting hardware from Keltex Inc. of Baxter, Iowa, in the amount of \$11,121.66. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#22547. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the Bills for Approval totaling \$2,338,778.33 and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Natvig thanked staff for their work during the flooding as well as their work following the tornado.

Mayor Hopkins announced the Muscatine County Fair begins next Wednesday. He stated the Convention & Visitors Bureau will have a booth set up. He then encouraged everyone to attend the Drum Corp International Competition going on right now at the high school.

#22547. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator