

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – September 5, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, September 5, 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.

#22622. Councilmember LeRette, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Second reading for a new Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Fast Avenue One Stop, 2111 Park Avenue – BGA, LLC (pending inspections; second reading for a new Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Fraternal Order of Eagles Muscatine #815, 305 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Fraternal Order of Eagles #815 (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit for Casey’s General Stores #1484, 1111 Oregon Street – Casey’s Marketing Company (pending inspections)
- Approval of request for use of city property for the MHS Homecoming Parade on September 19, 2013
- Approval of request for use of city property for the MHS Senior March on September 20, 2013
- Filing of Communications A-F
- Approval of Bills for Approval totaling \$2,390,431.03

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22623. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat for Wolfe’s Second Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22624. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing upon the vacation of a utility easement in Phase II of the Cedar Plaza Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22625. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the proposed Weed Park Maintenance Building Project for Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22626. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted accepting the low bid and awarding the contract to Terry & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$49,782 for the painting of all exterior insulation finish system substrates at the Clark House. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22627. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the city’s Comprehensive Plan for Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh.

City Planner Andrew Fangman provided a review of the topics covered under the proposed plan. He talked about the town hall meetings that were held and the responsibilities of the Community Member Advisory Groups that were established. He then touched on a few of the 82 goals contained in the proposed plan. They included Demographics, Transportation Priorities, Geographical and Environmental Conditions, Future Land Use Plan, Parks and Recreation, Community Appearance Plan, Economic Development, and Housing.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager asked City Council if they would like the proposed Comprehensive Plan placed on the September In-Depth meeting for further review.

It was the consensus from Council that a presentation was not necessary at the September In-Depth meeting.

Councilmember Bynum stated he did not see anything pertaining to air quality in the proposed plan.

Mr. Fangman stated the plan ensures that city operations take air quality control measures into consideration.

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

#22628. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted accepting easements and property acquisitions for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project – Phase II. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22629. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from Brandt Construction in the amount of \$192,204 for the 2013 Asphalt Overlay Program. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22630. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted awarding and approving the contract from Hagerty Earthworks in the amount of \$66,372.90 for the Harbor Dredge Pipe Project. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22631. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22632. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the Compost Site Material Agreement with Country Stone of Milan, Illinois, for the grinding, screening and removing of excess compost and wood mulch from the Compost Site. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

#22633. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the request from the Police Department to approve the purchase of the new squad video system from Watch Guard Video in the amount of \$94,575. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

#22634. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the request from the Police Department to approve the impound/towing contract with Midtown Towing. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22635. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the request from the Police Department to declare two quad car light bars as surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember Shihadeh reminded everyone about the launching of the Blue Zones Project in Muscatine that takes place on September 10, 2013 at Muscatine High School. He stated doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the program is at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Bynum stated he had heard on Channel 6 news about new testing the Fire Department is doing. He asked the City Administrator about the testing.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it is a cardio enzyme testing and the Muscatine Fire Department was the first to implement it in the State of Iowa. He stated it is a higher level of service being provided by our Fire Department and helps identify a heart attack.

#22636. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator