

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – October 17, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 17, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22662. Councilmember Bynum, seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of Regular City Council minutes for October 3, 2013 and In-Depth minutes for October 10, 2013
- Renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Dollar General #7027, 2000 Cedar Plaza Drive – Dolgencorp LLC (pending inspections); renewal for a Class “B” Wine Permit, Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Salvatores, 313 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Salvatore Vitale’s Italian Restaurant, LLC (pending inspections and insurance); and renewal for a Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Pla-Mor Lanes, 1411 Grandview Avenue – Muscatine Properties, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Appointment of Jim Burr to Art Center Board of Trustees
- Proclamation Recognizing “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WQPT” on November 3, 2013
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Bills for Approval approved totaling \$1,574,150.07

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22663. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted relating to financing of certain proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Muscatine and establishing compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum. Motion carried.

#22664. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond for the Colorado Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum. Motion carried.

#22665. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted awarding and approving the contract and bond from Hagerty Earthworks LLC in the amount of \$53,457 for the Logan Street Culvert Extension Project. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember Bynum asked what was meant by the alternate bid.

City Engineer Jon Lutz stated the original bid was set up for box culverts. However, box culverts are more expensive so the city requested an alternate bid on circular culverts. He stated that Hagerty Earthworks bid less on both options.

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

#22666. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution of support be adopted for the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement devices as long-term safety tools for the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Mayor Hopkins stated he has received a few inquiries from citizens wanting to know what the revenues generated from these devices are used for.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the revenues make up 13% of the Police Department's budget. He stated there are now two resource officers in the school system. In addition, funds are used for the Street Crimes Unit as well as to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Police Department. He pointed out the cameras have made a big difference at each of the five intersections where they are located. He reminded citizens that if they don't speed and they don't run red lights, they won't be paying tickets.

Mayor Hopkins asked what the city would be forced to do if it didn't have the revenues generated from the cameras.

City Administrator Mandsager stated officers could be located at each of the five intersections which would be more costly. He stated the cameras allow our officers to do more community policing.

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

#22667. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond from FSS Inc. in the amount of \$54,395 for the Airport Security Gate and Camera Project. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum. Motion carried.

#22668. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted accepting easements for the Cedar Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, and Bynum. Motion carried.

#22669. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the submission of the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Annual Financial Report to the State of Iowa. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22670. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant for the purchase of a Thermo Muffle Furnace from Midland Scientific in the amount of \$6,226.86. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22671. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant for the purchase and installation of casework for the Lab Annex Project from PSA Laboratory Furniture of New Berlin, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$84,126. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Natvig stated it was his understanding the current furniture was corroded.

Water Pollution Control Director Jon Koch stated it had corroded due to the vapors in the lab. He stated the new lab will have much better ventilation.

Councilmember Natvig asked what the new casework would be made of, and Mr. Koch stated he thought it was aluminum.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22672. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve the construction services agreement with Shoemaker-Haaland in the amount of \$62,900 for the Colorado Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22673. Councilmember LeRette moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Bayfield Snow Removal for the 2013/2014 snow removal services in the Central Business district and city parking lots. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Natvig asked why there was such a large jump in the hourly rate.

Public Works Director Randy Hill stated he was told it was due to increased fuel charges and insurance.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22674. Councilmember Natvig moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Gierke Robinson Company in the amount of \$4,944.90 for a motorized post driver. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes; motion carried.

#22675. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Bonnell Industries in the amount of \$6,440 for a four-way snow plow. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22676. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the request from the Fire Department for the temporary closure of the 300 block of E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street for a large scale fire training event on November 16, 2013 with a contingency date of November 17, 2013. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Bynum stated he understands the property was purchased by the school but would like to know who would be paying for the water, time, etc.

Assistant Chief Mike Hartman stated that once the department is done with its training, the school district will finish demolishing the properties. He stated the water will be provided by Muscatine Power & Water and as far as personnel costs, it will just be another training day. He stated if there are overtime costs, they will come out of the department's budget. He stated the city has not had this opportunity for 11 years. He stated departments will be participating from Louisa and Muscatine counties and a handful from Scott County

Councilmember Bynum asked about the pollution issue.

Mr. Hartman stated the burn has been approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He stated the reason for the contingency date was due to the wind. He stated the aerial truck will help keep the smoke down.

Councilmember Bynum asked if the smoke would be blowing toward Jefferson School.

Mr. Hartman stated the training is taking place on a Saturday so school will not be in session. He then stated that the department would be talking with neighbors in the area.

Councilmember LeRette stated he would vote in favor of the request because unfortunately the homes have already been stripped. He stated there are six homes in this block that will be taken off the tax

rolls. He stated we have got to stop taking houses down in Muscatine. He stated that even though this is an excellent training opportunity for firefighters, he sees no positive in these homes being demolished.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Mayor Hopkins reminded Councilmembers of the goal setting session to be held on October 24, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room of city hall.

Councilmember LeRette encouraged residents to get out and vote at the November 5, 2013 election.

Councilmember Natvig echoed Councilmember LeRette's comment.

Councilmember Bynum stated that Mr. Bromwell who attended the September 19, 2013 City Council meeting asking the city to refurbish/replace the cemetery stairs had presented the city with petitions from residents in support of his request. He stated that tonight Mr. Bromwell presented the city with additional petitions. He stated the city is waiting for a response on bids that were solicited for the repair/replacement of the stairs.

Mayor Hopkins stated that a Chinese official from Hebei Province who retired and took up photography is gifting to the city 100 of his pieces. He stated they will be on display Sunday, October 20, 2013, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gallery on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (formerly the Marie Lindsay Furniture Store). He invited everyone to attend.

#22677. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator