

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – May 13, 2010

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council In-Depth meeting for Thursday, May 13, 2010, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois, and Planning, Zoning & Building Safety Director Steve Boka.

The first item was a resolution approving the loan agreement and providing for the issuance of \$7,425,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2010.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager reviewed the attached memorandum and Finance Director Nancy Lueck noted this was the final action for this year's issuance. Funds are expected in June.

#21054. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

City Administrator Mandsager introduced the credit card policy noting that by using credit cards the city hopes to reduce procurement and payment processing costs, make purchases from local business that do not allow for accounts to be set up in the city's name and require immediate payment, improve vendor relations by doing business with the city easier, and take advantage of cost-saving opportunities by purchasing on the Internet and through catalogs. Finance Director Lueck then reviewed the policy with Council. This item will be placed on the May 20, 2010 City Council meeting for action and approval.

The next item on the agenda was a recycling update. Finance Director Lueck and Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois provided a power point presentation and reviewed information on expenditures, revenue, and volume based rates for refuse collection and the option of utilizing a private hauler for curbside single sort recycling, including costs.

City Administrator Mandsager and city staff outlined the advantages of the single sort recycling and the affect it would have on the landfill and transfer station. Single sort recycling would add approximately \$20 annually to customers' refuse collection charge.

There was discussion on the size of the containers, a savings/capacity analysis of the landfill, and the fee.

Councilmember LeRette referenced fee comparisons with three other communities, noting the proposed rate was very good in comparison.

Councilmember Lange asked if the hauler referred to in the presentation, Allied Waste, was the only company available to provide this service.

Ms. Liegois stated there were several and that an RFP would be conducted.

Councilmember Lange, speaking in reference to the single sort recycling proposal, stated that a public education campaign will be necessary. He asked if this would be placed on a ballot.

City Administrator Mandsager stated a public hearing can be held in June to allow the public to comment on this proposed recycling option.

There were other questions from Council concerning container sizes, startup costs, a comparison to other cities and issues they have experienced, and how City Carton will be affected. City staff will research and respond to these questions.

The final item up for discussion pertained to car lots.

City Administrator Mandsager stated he was looking for interest from City Council to move forward on adopting an ordinance regulating car lots.

Planning, Zoning & Building Safety Director Steve Boka outlined the current process used with new and used car lots in the City of Muscatine.

Mayor O'Brien asked if lot owners are required to have a license.

Mr. Boka stated they are licensed through the state.

Councilmember Lange stated that he counted 13 car lots in the Yellow Pages. He asked who is responsible for checking to see if a lot is licensed.

Mr. Boka stated the city can call the state for that information.

There was discussion on the state's requirements.

There was discussion concerning the need for a local license as well as the regulations already in place. City staff will not proceed further at this point.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette stated he was excited about the recycling possibilities.

Councilmember Natvig thanked Laura Liegois and Nancy Lueck for their presentation.

Councilmember Bynum reminded everyone about the slough cleanup project scheduled for May 22, 2010. Interested participants can meet at the Mulford Church at 8 a.m. that day.

Councilmember Roby asked citizens to contact her with questions or concerns on the recycling options.

Councilmember Lange also asked citizens to contact their Councilmembers with their opinions on recycling.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that he has an additional item requiring action by City Council. He stated it is a resolution approving the submission of an application for a Historic Resources Development Program (HRDP) Grant.

#21055. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregg Mandsager". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gregg Mandsager
City Administrator