

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – November 21, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, November 21, 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.

Robert Bromwell, 2414 Lucas Street, invited Councilmembers who have not seen the steps to the cemetery to contact him. He said he would like to walk the steps with those interested in doing so.

#22699. Councilmember LeRette, seconded by Councilmember Bynum, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of Regular City Council minutes for November 7, 2013, Special Council minutes for November 14, 2013, and In-Depth minutes for November 14, 2013
- Second reading for a new Class “B” Native Wine Permit, Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for GeoJohnz, 203 East 2nd Street – GeoJohnz LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for New York Dollar Store, 109 East Second Street – Antonio Sosa (pending inspections); renewal of a “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for GM Food Mart, 1127 Ripley Court – Nanak Express LLC (pending inspections); and renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Bull Pen Sports Bar, 1201 Grandview Avenue – Bull Pen Sports Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request approved for closure of E. 2nd Street from Mulberry Avenue to Pine Street for the Holiday Stroll on December 6, 2013
- Filing of Communications 12A-E
- Bills for Approval approved totaling \$1,757,637.41

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22700. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing to consider the vacation of an unimproved portion of the Charles Street right-of-way in the City of Muscatine for Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22701. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat for the Barko Subdivision in the City of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22702. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract and bond for the Weed Park Maintenance Building Project. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22703. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the resolution be adopted authorizing changes to the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency Public Housing Admissions & Continued Occupancy Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22704. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted authorizing changes to the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency Administrative Policy for the Section 8 Tenant-Based Housing Choice Voucher Program. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22705. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted relating to the financing of certain proposed projects to be undertaken by the City of Muscatine, Iowa, and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22706. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the Complete Streets Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22707. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for fiscal year 2012/2013. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22708. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve Change Order #7 for the West Hill Sanitary and Storm Sewer Separation Project – Phase I. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#22709. Councilmember Bynum moved to approve Change Order #1 for the culvert extension across Cedar Street at Stonebrook. Seconded by Councilmember LeRette.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked why this work was not included as part of the original Logan Street Culvert Extension Project.

City Engineer Jon Lutz stated staff knew the culvert extension was going to be necessary as part of the Cedar Street Reconstruction Project. He stated staff found it would be cheaper to do this work as part of the Logan Street work. He stated that Hagerty Earthworks submitted a change order proposal for the extension of the culvert.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager asked where City Council will see the reduction.

Mr. Lutz stated there will be a \$25,000 decrease in the IDOT project to be let in January 2014.

City Administrator Mandsager stated it would increase the contract with Hagerty Earthworks but decrease the cost for the Cedar Street project for a net reduction in the overall cost.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22710. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to declare city vehicles and equipment as surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions concerning the vehicles up for auction.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22711. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant to approve the purchase of an Ion Chromatography Unit from Thermo Electron in the amount of \$32,849.95. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#22712. Councilmember LeRette moved to approve the request from the Water Pollution Control Plant to approve Change Order #2 for the Lab Annex Project. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day.

Councilmember Bynum stated City Council does have copies of the bid information concerning the cemetery steps and will be taking a look at them.

Councilmember Phillips asked for a copy of the petition that was submitted in favor of repairing the cemetery steps, and Administrative Secretary Fran Donelson stated she would forward that information to her.

Councilmember Spread stated that in March 2013 he had requested a resolution be adopted and sent to Governor Branstad and Iowa's state legislators requesting legislative action to address the MFPRSI pension dilemma and he stated they are going to do just that.

Mayor Hopkins also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

#22713. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator