

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –April 18, 2019

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, April 18, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications-Citizens

Brenda Christensen 2755 Oak Drive and Chris Boar 2247 Bentwood Drive came to share with Council their proposal for Almost Friday Fest. They stated this would be a family friendly event held on the fourth Thursday of each month, June through September, at the Riverfront. The event would include music, beer/wine tents, food vendors and entertainment for families. They stated a majority of the money received would be given as a donation towards the building of a band shelter.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that this item is included in the consent agenda for tonight and if passed it would be contingent on the changing of City Ordinance to allow for alcohol at the location.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Saucedo, Seconded by Councilmember Brackett, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-B: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-I Petitions and Communications
- Item 9 A: From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-C: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval totaling \$3,495,759.22

Vote – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing

A. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed Urban Renewal Plan Amendments for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area.

There were no comments, oral or written, from citizens regarding this public hearing.

Councilmember Saucedo moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – All Ayes; motion carried.

B. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the High Strength Waste Receiving Station plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimates.

There were no comments, oral or written, from citizens regarding this public hearing.

Councilmember Brackett moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – All Ayes; motion carried.

- C. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the 2019 PCC Full Depth Patch Construction Project plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate.

There were no comments, oral or written from citizens regarding this public hearing.

Councilmember Saucedo moved the public hearing be closed seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote all ayes: motion carried.

From the Mayor

Mayor Broderson read and signed a proclamation declaring May 2, 2019 as National Day of Prayer in the City of Muscatine.

Item 11A

Councilmember Harvey moved to waive the statutory rule requiring ordinances to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which said ordinance is to be passed. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Councilmember Brackett stated he is in favor of this ordinance but not in favor of waiving a reading of said ordinance.

There were questions from Councilmember Malcolm as to why staff is asking to waive a reading before approval.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that it is typical procedure to do it this way on smaller issues. Mr. Mandsager stated that when doing a code change three readings are the standard.

Vote 5 ayes, 2 nays (Brackett, Harvey); motion carried

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Ordinance #2019-0078, amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, to include Chapter 14 Public Art Advisory on second and final reading and directed for its publication as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 Ayes; motion carried.

Item 11B

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0102, approving the April 2019, Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11C

Councilmember Brackett, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 2019-0103, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11D

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2019-0104, establishing refuse collection rate fees. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were Questions and Concerns from City Council regarding where the additional money would be spent that were answered by Finance Director Nancy Lueck. Ms. Lueck stated the increase will cover the costs of roadside recycling as well as help to cover cost of collection vehicle repairs.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0105, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimates and establishing May 10th as bid opening date for the High Strength Waste Receiving Station. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11F

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0106, approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimates and establishing May 9th as bid opening date for the 2019 PCC Full Depth Patch Construction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding the amount budgeted and the flashing traffic control lights that council had requested, that were address by City Engineer Jim Edgmond. Mr. Edgmond stated there would be flashing lights at the locations starting with the projects in July.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11G

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0107, setting a public hearing on May 2, 2019, for consideration of approval of a development agreement with Hershey Property, LLC and Bush Development LLC, including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11H

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt resolution #2019-0108, approving the non-union pay plan to be effective July 1, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11I

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0109, approving Seasonal Pay plan to be effective July 1, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding changes that had been made to the Seasonal Pay Plan that were answered by Human Resources Director Stephanie Romagnoli. Ms. Romagnoli explained the adjustments for Seasonal Essential Personnel.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11J

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #2019-0110, approving a purchase order to Brad Deery Maquoketa Ford, in the amount of \$29,104.24, for the purchase of a new track chassis for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11K

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #2019-0111, to proceed with the Airport Hangar Project and to approve addendum #1 to the professional services agreement with Bolten & Menk. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11L

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #2019-0112, approving a proposal from Seda Consulting regarding a performance review process for the City Administrator. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Councilmember Spread stated he does not see it necessary to spend \$18,500 for something that is not needed.

Mayor Broderson asked why this firm was chosen.

Gregg Mandsager stated that this firm was the cheaper of the two firms that were reviewed.

Vote 5 ayes, 2 nays (Spread, Fitzgerald); motion carried

Item 11M

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2019-0113, approving a supplemental agreement, in the amount of \$6500, from Stanley Consultants to reduce the scope of

the High Strength Waste Receiving Project and to proceed with the rebidding process. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried

Item 11N

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0114, opposing HF773 and SSB1260 property tax reform bills under consideration in the Iowa Legislature.

Councilmember Brackett stated he was hopeful that local legislatures would take this into account and that he feels passing these bills would harm the cities growth.

There was discussion among Councilmembers regarding the new Tax Reform Bills and how that would affect the city.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Brockert asked when the trees on Houser Hill be picked up and who will be picking them up.

City Engineer Jim Edmond that the trees were dropped to be in compliance with endangered species laws and regulations. Later this summer the contractor will move the trees to the compost site where citizens will be able to pick it up and use if for firewood.

Councilmember Brockert asked for an update on 5th and Mulberry.

City Administrator Mandsager stated the most recent contract was sent to attorney and expected a response last week. Currently the City is waiting on a response.

Councilmember Saucedo Reminded Citizens of City-Wide Clean-Up next week.

Councilmember Saucedo Request the Muscatine High School storm shelter issue be placed on the May 9, 2019 In-Depth Meeting.

Councilmember Brackett thanked the group coordinating the Almost Friday Fest. He stated he feels this will be a fun even and is excited to attend.

Mayor Broderson stated Coffee with the mayor will be held on April 27, at three o'clock, at DaBeets.

Our City will have Jim Edmond City Engineer talking about the flooding issues and Members Credit Union talking about the random acts of kindness program.

Mayor Broderson stated that Sound the Alarm is going on. Got to www.Soundalarm.org and set up an appointment to have fire alarms put up in your house.

Councilmember Brackett motioned for meeting to be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

City Administrator, Gregg Mandsager