

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
7:00 p.m. – August 20, 2020

This meeting was held electronically due to meeting regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday August 20, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Brackett, seconded by Councilmember Gordon, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A: Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-H: Petitions and Communications
- Item 9: From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-B: Receive and File

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0, Motion carried

**From the City Administrator**

11A: Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0289, for approval of the updated Muscatine County Multi-Jurisdiction Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

11B: Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0290, setting a public hearing on September 3, 2020, for the vacation of four areas of right of way. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes –7 Nays –0, Motion carried.

11C: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0291, to enter into a contract with Bolten & Menk to assist with construction services for Park Avenue Reconstruction and 4 to 3 Lane Conversion Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman addressed questions from City Council regarding the start date and timeline for this project.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays -0 Motion carried.

11D: Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2020-0292, for a Professional Services Agreement with Strand and Associates, for the the final design of the Dual Use Force Main Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays –0 Motion carried.

11E: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0293, for the removal of a railroad tracks on Dick Drake way that leads to the Muscatine Power and Water Unit 9, and replace with concrete. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

Public Works Director Brian Stineman addressed questions from City Council regarding

the location of the crossing and the future removal of crossing signs.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays –0, Motion carried.

11F: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0294, for Change Order 011 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mulberry Roundabout Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays – 0, Motion carried,

11G: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0295, for the authorization to accept grant reward from the Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of SCBA packs and face pieces. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays –0, Motion carried.

11H: Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0296, declaring the Fire Department water tender as surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays –0, Motion carried.

11I: Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0297, for an agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Louisa Regional Solid Waste Agency for residential household hazardous waste. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes –7, Nays –0, Motion carried.

11J: Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request #2020-0298, granting approval to enter into a contract with the Iowa Department of Transportation to receive Federal Transit Administration Operating Assistance Funds. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote: Ayes-7, Nays-0, Motion carried.

11K: Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0299, for a contract with Dude Solutions for SmartGov Software to be used by the Community Development Dept. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin addressed questions from City Council regarding the cost and funding of the SmartGov Software.

Vote: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Motion carried.

There was discussion between City Council and Staff regarding the possibility of returning City Council to Council Chambers for City Council Meetings.

Kevin Jenison stated a test meeting was performed and a few minor issues need to be worked out prior to the September 3, 2020 meeting.

Councilmember Jindrich stated he had been in the Council Chambers and was happy with the way it was set up for Social Distancing of the Councilmembers.

Mayor Broderon stated that when entering and exiting Council Chambers, social distancing and wearing mask until seated would be necessary.

#### Council Communication:

City Council thanked Greg Jenkins for stepping in as Interim City Administrator and wished him well on his retirement.

City Council welcomed Carol Webb as the new City Administrator.

Councilmember Brockert stated appreciation for members of the community that came

together to help clean up from the storm.

Councilmember Jindrich stated thanked Dell Wagner for an outstanding job of organizing the 2020 Watermelon Stampede.

Councilmember Bracket stated he had visited Cedar Rapids and the damage there was unbelievable. He stated any help to that community would be appreciated.

Greg Jenkins thanked City Council for the opportunity he had to be Interim City Administrator.

Councilmember Braclett moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

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Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator