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

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, February 7, 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.

Sarah Lande – 515 2nd Street, came to remind citizens of the Chinese New Year Celebration performance at Central Middle School Auditorium on Thursday Feb 14th at 7.pm. Ms. Lande stated the concert would be free and open to the public. Ms. Lande also stated there is a Muscatine Symphony concert on the 16th of February.

Consent Agenda

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

- Items 6 A-H Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-P Petitions and Communication
- Items 12 A-I Receive and File
- Bills for Approval totaling $2, 971,104.79

Vote – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing

The two public hearings scheduled for this meeting will be rescheduled.

At this time Mayor Broderson presented a Life Saving Award to Officer Benjamin Varella. Mr. Varella was given a standing ovation and was congratulated and thanked by the members of council.

Item 11A

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0026, setting a public hearing for March 14, 2019, regarding acquiring or condemning property located at 515 E. 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Item 11B

Councilmember Malcolm, moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0027, setting a public hearing for March 21, 2019, regarding the Consolidated Funding Application for state and federal funding for the Transit Department. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11C

Councilmember Fitzgerald, moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0028, setting a public hearing for Feb 21, 2019, regarding the plans and specifications for the Houser/Fuller intersection roundabout. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council regarding if the roundabout was the only option for this intersection that were addressed by City Engineer Jim Edgmond. Mr. Edgmond stated that there are other options such as traffic signals or four way stop that would not qualify for the traffic safety grant money.

City Administrator Mandsager noted that the date for the public hearing was a typographical error and should state Feb 21, 2019 as it does in the back up information.

Councilmember Brackett stated he looks for public input and would encourage the public to attend the public hearing with their opinions on the roundabout.

Councilmember Brockert asked if the design would be available at the public hearing for the public to be able to see it. City Administrator Mandsager stated it would be put online for the public to view.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11D

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0029, approving the amended rules and regulations for Greenwood Cemetery. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0030, rescinding resolution #2019-0014 and resetting a public hearing for Feb 21, 2019, for the High Strength Waste Receiving Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11F

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0031, approving the Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funding Agreement for the Fulliam/Houser Tsip Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Brackett stated he is not in favor of this solution for the intersection and does not feel that it will solve the traffic problem.

Councilmember Malcolm stated he would like to revisit this resolution after the public hearing. Mr. Malcolm stated he didn’t want the City to accept the money before there was approval to go ahead with the project.

Councilmember Spread stated that no money would be exchanged prior to construction. He stated that the City would have to submit receipts to the Department of Transportation for the project.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11G

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #2019-0032, approving the 6th agreement with Kraft-Heinz for the contracted sewer pricing. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from Council regarding the length of the contract that were addressed by Water Pollution Control Plant Director, Jon Koch. Mr. Koch stated the length of the contract was requested by Kraft-Heinz.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11H

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve request #2019-0033, for an interagency agreement between Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried

Item 11I

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #2019-0034, for the issuance of a purchase order to Turfwerks, for the purchase of a new mower for the Municipal Golf Course. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from Councilmember Harvey regarding why companies send in bids when they don't meet the specifications that were addressed by Parks Superintendent Nick Gow.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11J

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve request #2019-0035, for the issuance of a purchase order to Bobcat of the Quad Cities for the purchase of a tree spade for the Parks and Recreation Department. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Item 11K

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request # 2019-0036 for the issuance of a purchase order to Musco Lighting for the Weed Park Lighting Project. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – 7 ayes; motion carried.

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Fitzgerald stated he enjoyed the budget sessions over the last two weeks.

Councilmember Saucedo thanked staff, Nancy Lueck and the Department Heads for the hard work on getting things together for the budget.

Councilmember Saucedo encouraged citizens looking for employment opportunities to look on the city website for employment postings.

Councilmember Brackett stated the Soap Box Derby facebook page would be updated soon with new information. He stated the Derby would be held in October this year.

City Administrator stated the first Council Meeting in July would fall on a Holiday and suggested the date be changed to July 3. Council agreed and the date was changed.

City Administrator suggested having the Feb 14th, 2019 Council meeting at 5 to allow Councilmembers and Staff to attend the Chinese New Year Presentation that evening. Council agreed and the time was changed.

Mayor Broderson thanked the road crew for their hard work and dedication over the last couple of weeks with the bad weather.

Mayor Broderson stated "Our City" would be airing from the road next week to film the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. participate in the Special Olympics Basketball games.

Mayor Broderson stated the next "Coffee with the Mayor" would be held on Feb 23, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Happy Joes.

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Mayor Diana Broderson

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City Administrator, Gregg Mandsager