

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – March 5, 2020

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday March 5, 2020, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Hopkins, Froelich, Malcolm, Gordon, Brockert, Jindrich and Brackett.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications-Citizens

Roger Roth, Clark House passed out copies of the Iowa Constitution to the members of City Council.

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-G: Petitions and Communication
 - Items 9 A-D From the Mayor
 - Items 12 A-E: Receive and File
 - Bills for Approval totaling \$8,143,016.67
- Vote: Ayes-7 Nays -0 Motion carried

Public Hearing-1

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns the proposed tax levy for certain property tax levies for FY20/21.

There were no oral or written comments for or against the tax levy.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Public Hearing 2

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (Essential Purpose Loan Agreement).

There were no oral or written comments for or against the proposed loan agreement.

Councilmember Brockert moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Public Hearing 3

Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (General Purpose Loan Agreement)

There were no oral or written comments for or against the proposed loan agreement.

Councilmember Hopkins moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

Public Hearing 4

Mayor Broderon stated this public hearing concerns a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement (Urban Renewal Loan Agreement)

There were no oral or written comments for or against the proposed loan agreement.

Councilmember Brackett moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

From the Mayor

Mayor Broderon read a proclamation for Arbor Day in Muscatine, followed by Nick Gow sharing that the Parks Department would be working with Muscatine School District to plant trees at Kent Stein Park on Arbor Day.

Mayor Broderon read a proclamation for Junior Achievement Day and presented it to Mark Post. Mr. Post thanked the community as well as the City of Muscatine for their support in the Junior Achievement Program in Muscatine.

From the City Administrator

Item 11A:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0079, approving the maximum property tax dollars for certain property tax levies for the City of Muscatine for FY20/21. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11B:

Councilmember Gordon moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0080, setting a public hearing for March 19th, for amendment #1 to the FY 19/20 budget. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item 11C:

Councilmember Froelich moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0081, setting a public hearing on March 19, 2020, for approval of the FY20/21 City of Muscatine Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

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

Item 11D:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0082, approving additional action on proposals to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements, combining loan agreements, setting the date for sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11E:

Councilmember Malcolm moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0092, approving financing of certain proposed projects through general obligation bonding. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item 11F:

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0093, supporting a workforce housing tax credit application to the state for the proposed Steamboat Development. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11G:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution #2020-0094, committing to support an application to the Iowa Finance Authority by Ales Foundation, for housing tax credits for the proposed Steamboat Development. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item 11H:

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt Resolution # 2020-0095, setting a public hearing on declaring certain real property as surplus. Seconded by Councilmember Jindrich.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would like to see more notification sent to local property owners regarding the future use of said property.

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

Item 11I:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to adopt Resolution # 2020-0096, approving a ramp easement agreement with Point Above, LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item 11J:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Resolution #2020-0097, approving an amendment to the official pay plan for seasonal and certain other part time employees. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

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

Item 11K:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Resolution #2020-0098, approving an amendment to the official nonunion pay plan for FY19/20. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

Item L:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Requests #2020-0083, approving a letter of understanding with Bohnsack and Frommelt LLP. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item M:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0084, to reduce time to remove traffic signals at Hershey & Main to three months. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding how the flow of traffic has been since the implementation of the four way stop, and who would pay the cost of the light removal that were addressed by City Engineer Jim Edgmond.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried.

Item N:

Councilmember Malcolm moved to approve Request #2020-0085, approving an agreement between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine School District for two school resource officers. Seconded by Councilmember Gordon.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item O:

Councilmember Hopkins moved to approve Request #2020-0099, approving a purchase agreement for property located at 501 Cedar Street (former Kum&Go). Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item P:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0100, to enter into a contract for a public housing physical needs assessment and energy audit. Seconded by Councilmember Froelich.

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

Item Q:

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve Request #2020-0107, to enter into a contract with HRGov to assist in the search for a City Administrator. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item R:

Councilmember Jindrich moved to approve Request #2020-0101, for change orders 001-007 for the 2nd and Mulberry Roundabout Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding the cost of signage for this project and a request to see the invoices listing the signs and locations for each sign used for this project. City Engineer Jim Edgmond stated he would get that list to City Council.

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

Item S:

Councilmember Gordon moved to approve Request #2020-0102, for change orders 004-011 for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project phase 4B. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding the change orders and the overage spent on this project that were addressed by City Engineer Jim Edgmond.

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

Item T:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request #2020-0103, for a purchase order to Todd Hackett Construction in the amount of \$45,000.00, for the installation of Weed Park restroom installation. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

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

Item U:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0104, for a purchase order to Slidecare, LLC. In the amount of \$9,407.00, for maintenance of Aquatic Center waterslides. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

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

Item V:

Councilmember Froelich moved to approve Request #2020-0105, for a purchase order to VanWall Equipment in the amount of \$47,850.00 for the purchase of a 2020 John Deere 6500A E-Cut Fairway mower. Seconded by Councilmember Malcolm.

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

Item W:

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2020-0106, directing staff to prepare a change to City Code striking Title 6 Police and Public Safety, Chapter 9 Keeping of Pit Bulls from the City Code. Seconded by Councilmember Hopkins.

There were questions and comments from City Council regarding their opinions on this City Code both for and against the ban of Pit Bull dogs from the City of Muscatine.

Residents Shelly Sevadio, 609 W. 3rd Street, Dustin Timberlake 715 Liberty, and Cassandra Calderon, 2667 Tom Sawyer, were present to share their opinions and support for the discussion of and removal of the ban.

Councilmembers agreed more information was needed as well as community input prior to any decisions being made.

Vote: Ayes – 6, Nays – 1(Jindrich), Motion carried

Item X:

Devin Pettit, Chair for the Historic Preservation Committee, gave a presentation regarding the Certified Local Government Annual Report.

Mayor Broderson stated the closed session scheduled following meeting was cancelled and requested the ethics violations that were to be discussed be handled by Attorney Michelle Brock from Davis Brown law Firm. There was a consensus from City Council to move forward with this.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Attest:

Mayor Diana Broderson

Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator