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PRIORITY STREET PROJECTS ON THURSDAY'S COUNCIL AGENDA

Muscatine Police Officer to be presented Life Saving Award; four others recognized

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine City Council will be asked to approve two “high priority” street projects during their October 1 meeting in the Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall. The Council, Mayor, and those with items on the agenda will meet in Chambers, but public participation will still be through the virtual meeting session that will also be running.

The Muscatine City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 1, for a hybrid session that will also include a virtual meeting to allow the public to participate. The session in Council Chambers will also be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and will also be shown live on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

The meeting will begin with the presentation of a Life Saving Award by Mayor Diana Broderson to Muscatine Police Officer Casey Jensen. On August 25, 2020, Officer Jensen was dispatched to the riverfront regarding a female that was having a mental health crisis. The female was in the mud at the water line and refused to come to the shore. She walked into the Mississippi River trying to end her life saying she wanted to die. Officer Jensen entered the river, grabbed ahold of her and brought her back to shore. The woman's life was saved due to the quick actions of the officer.

Four other officers who have received awards while the Council met in virtual sessions the last several months will also be in Chambers Thursday to be recognized in person by the Mayor and Council.

- Officer Jolisa Colman was recognized with the Medal of Valor during the May 7, 2020, City Council virtual meeting for saving a woman's life on February 20, 2020, who was attempting to jump from the High Bridge into the Mississippi River. The action of Colman to save someone's life while putting her own life in danger warranted the presentation of the Medal of Valor.
- Officer Whitney Pena was recognized with the Lifesaving Award during the May 7, 2020, City Council virtual meeting for saving a child's life on February 29, 2020, while attending a birthday party in the pool area of Americ Inn. Pena quickly began CPR on the child and continued her efforts until paramedics arrived, saving the child's life.
- Officer Mark Schollmeyer and Corporal Matt Fowler were recognized with the Lifesaving Award during the August 6, 2020, City Council virtual meeting for saving a woman's life on July 7, 2020, when they observed smoke coming from a home in the 500 block of Liberty Street, found the woman lying on the floor just inside the back door and carried her to safety.

HIGH PRIORITY ROAD WORK PLANNED

Sections of Cedar Street, Ford Avenue, and Evans Street have been identified as "high priority" areas in need of immediate repair. Due to better than anticipated Road Use Tax revenues, Public Works Director Brian Stineman and his staff reviewed the list of deferred full depth patching street sections and determined three areas that could not wait until next spring. Heuer Construction, Inc., provided the lowest responsible quote of \$47,710.00 to complete the work.

“We know that there are other areas that need repair,” Stineman said. “As we get a better grasp on revenues and if the weather permits, there may be other areas that we can repair before winter comes.”

In addition to the full depth patching, Stineman and his staff identified one asphalt street as a “high priority” item and in need of immediate repair. Stineman will ask the Council to approve Taylor Ridge Construction, who provided the lowest bid, to mill and overlay Leroy Street from Mulberry to Amherst Avenue. The \$43,550 project will also be paid for from funds now available through the Road Use Tax.

Click [AGENDA](#) to download the October 1, 2020, City Council agenda and/or attachments.

The best way for the public to participate is to dial in to the GoToMeeting session, mute your device, watch the session on YouTube or Cable Channel 2, and, at the appropriate time, unmute your device to ask a question or make a comment. The public can also use the “chat” feature on the GoToMeeting virtual meeting to pose a question to the Mayor, Council, or staff member.

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Meetings of the Muscatine City Council have been held by conference call since Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds proclaimed a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency on March 19, 2020. Recently, the Council moved back into Chambers to conduct their meetings but public participation is still limited to the virtual meeting.

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questions or call on the speaker in turn. Those using their phones must wait until the Mayor asks for additional comments. The Mayor will recognize you prior to you addressing the Council.

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Thu, Oct 1, 2020 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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