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GETTING THE AQUATIC CENTER READY FOR THE SUMMER

Council to hear presentation on safety protocols for opening Aquatic Summer

MUSCATINE, Iowa – After a year of sitting idle, the Muscatine Aquatic Center in Weed Park is set to reopen to the public later this month and the Muscatine City Council will hear a presentation on safety protocols that will be adopted during its Thursday (May 6, 2021) regular session.



The Muscatine City Council will meet in Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall for the meeting that starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday. City staff members with agenda items will be permitted in Council Chambers but public access to the live meeting will not be permitted due to COVID protocols.

With public access to the Council Chambers not permitted, those wanting to watch or participate in the meeting can attend through the virtual GoToMeeting portal. Information on joining the session and how to make a comment during the meeting is listed below. The session will also

be broadcast live on the City of Muscatine [YouTube channel](#) and on Muscatine Power & Water Cable Channel 2.

Parks and Recreation Program Supervisor Kelsie Stafford will lead the presentation of the protocols that will be implemented at the start of the summer swim season for both patrons and staff utilizing the facility. Parks and Recreation staff have been busy preparing the Aquatic Center for the season and will begin to fill the pool next week. The pool is tentatively scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

Two new police officers will be sworn in to open the meeting Thursday. Demetri Wheeler and Dakota Mullen will be the first officers two taking the oath in Council Chamber since the pandemic was proclaimed a year ago.

Four proclamations will be presented during the meeting.

A proclamation urging everyone to bike to work or try cycling for fun, fitness, or transportation will be presented by Mayor Diana Broderson. May is National Bike Month with May 17-23 “Bike to Work Week” and May 21 “Bike to Work Day”.

Mayor Broderson will also read proclamations establishing May 16-23 as National Public Works Week to pay tribute to public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, May 12 as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day to honor those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community as part of National Police Week (May 9-15), and proclaim May 17-23 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Information on the recommended contracts and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the May 6, 2021, 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.

How to attend, speak at virtual meeting –

Meetings of the Muscatine City Council have been held virtually since Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds proclaimed a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency on March 19, 2020.

Muscatine City Council In-Depth Meeting | Thu, May 6, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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