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**PLENTY OF ACTION ITEMS ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THURSDAY**

*Amphitheatre Project, Lake Park Boulevard study among items for Council vote*

**MUSCATINE, Iowa** – The Muscatine City Council will be asked to set three public hearings and approve contracts for the planning and design of the Riverfront Amphitheatre Project and a watershed study of the Lake Park Boulevard area when they meet Thursday (July 15).



The Muscatine City Council will meet in Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall starting at 7 p.m. Thursday. Citizens interested in attending the meeting will be able to sit together as long as they leave a seat open between groups. Citizens who are fully vaccinated will not have to wear a mask but those who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask while inside City Hall.

RDG Planning & Design was selected by a committee comprised of city staff, citizens, and elected officials to develop a preliminary design for the Riverfront Amphitheatre in Riverside

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Park. This is just the first step of the project and will include a series of public meetings that will be scheduled later.

Watersmith Engineering was selected to conduct a watershed study of the Lake Park Boulevard area. The study will help determine possible courses of action that can be used to mitigate street flooding in the 700 block of Lake Park Boulevard.

The Council will be asked to approve three public hearings for the August 5 Council meeting including a hearing on vacating certain utility easements in Lot 1 of Arbor Commons Subdivision, a hearing on vacation and sale of right-of way adjoining 1820 Angle Street, and a hearing on an application for Community Development Block Grant funds.

Also on the agenda are three items revolving around 704 Spring Street. The Council will be asked to approve a resolution to accept a quick claim deed to the property, a resolution declaring the property as surplus, and a request to approve a development agreement with the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine. The Foundation plans to renovate the structure into a single family home.

While public access to the Council Chambers is permitted for the first time since March 2020, those wanting to watch or participate in the meeting but not attend in person 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.

Information on the presentations and other agenda items can be found by clicking [AGENDA](#) to download the July 15, 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.



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**Muscatine City Council Regular Meeting | Thu, July 15, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)**

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