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LONG AGENDA AWAITS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THURSDAY

Lots of action items and two public hearings on agenda for Council meeting August 5

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A lengthy list of action items await the members of the Muscatine City Council when they meet at 7 p.m. Thursday (August 5) in the Council Chambers of Muscatine City Hall.

A virtual meeting will also be held in conjunction with the in-person meeting for those who want to view the proceedings or make a comment but do not want to attend in person. (Details below).



On the agenda are two public hearings that include the vacation and selling of a piece of city owned property on Angle Street to an adjacent property owner. The first reading of an ordinance to vacate and sell the property will be heard later in the agenda. The vacation of certain utility easements is the subject of the second public hearing. The vacation would allow a single family home to be built on Lot 1 of the new Arbor Commons Subdivision. A resolution approving the vacation will be voted on later in the agenda.



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The Council will also be asked to approve the contracts to demolish three homes in Muscatine, several purchase orders from various departments, and to approve the receiving of two grants, one for the Muscatine Airport and one for the Heart and Soul Community Project.

One of the final topics of discussion Thursday regards the establishment of guidelines for the public input process when the Council discusses potential changes to Title 6, Chapter 9, *Keeping of Pit Bull Dogs*. The discussion regarding Chapter 9 is tentatively scheduled during the October In-Depth meeting but in-depth proceedings are usually reserved for interaction between City staff and Council rather than receiving public input.

A consensus by the City Council following Thursday's discussion will provide guidance as to when and how that public comment on Chapter 9 will be received by the City Council.

Thursday's City Council meeting in the Council Chambers at Muscatine City Hall is open to the public. Citizens attending the meeting are asked to follow current CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations for wearing a mask indoors whether vaccinated or not. The City of Muscatine does not require wearing a mask, but does urge the public to follow Public Health and CDC recommendations when possible.

Citizens who do not want to attend the in-person meeting can watch and/or participate through the GoToMeeting virtual meeting 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 August 5, 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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