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TO DISCUSS OPTIONS ON DEFERRED FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS

Also up for approval is contract for 2021-2022 Full Depth Patching Project

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine City Council will discuss options for restoring one or two of the deferred firefighter positions, and will be asked to approve the contract for the 2021-2022 Full Depth Patching Project when the Council convenes at 7 p.m. Thursday (October 21) 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 feel comfortable in attending in person. (details are below).

Three firefighter positions slated to be filled in the 2021-2022 fiscal year were deferred by the City Council in 2020 due to concerns over revenue impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Several council members have indicated that now that the city has a better idea of the revenue impacts it might be time to discuss fillings one or two of those positions.



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The Department of Public Works has compiled a list of streets and alleys to be included in the 2021/2022 Full Depth Patching Project. The streets and alleys tentatively included for the 2021/2022 program were selected from a matrix developed to rank streets and alleys in Muscatine. Heuer Construction, Inc., was the apparent low responsive, responsible low bidder at \$440,800.

Thursday's City Council meeting 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.

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 October 21, 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.

Muscatine City Council Regular Meeting | Thu, Oct. 21, 2021 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

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