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REVISIONS TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ON COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Goal Setting Report also to be discussed during first meeting of 2022

MUSCATINE, Iowa – A rather light agenda is in the offing for the Muscatine City Council when they meet for the first time in 2022 Thursday (Jan. 6) in the Council Chambers of Muscatine City Hall.

A virtual meeting will 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 for joining that meeting are listed below.

Mayor Brad Bark will preside over his first Council meeting and will have the opportunity to swear in Muscatine's newest member of the Fire Department, Brandon Rheingans, early in the meeting.

Also on the docket is a public hearing on an ordinance revising the City's floodplain management regulations that are contained in City Code. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, acting as the agent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, requested the





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City to make the revisions so that the City's floodplain regulations are in compliance with federal regulations. The changes are necessary to keep Muscatine residents and businesses eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The first reading of the ordinance will be conducted later in the meeting.

The Council will also be asked to approve a resolution supporting the 2022-2023 City Council Goal Setting Report. Members of the previous Council and newly elected members met at the Musser Public Library and HNI Community Center last month to identify major accomplishments in 2020 and 2021, to review the most important issues, concerns, and trends facing the City, and to identify potential initiatives, policies, and programs for 2022/2023 and future years.

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 January 6, 2022, City Council agenda and/or attachments.

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