

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER – 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 18, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 18, 2018 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roger Roth, Clark House, came to discuss the Flag Code for flying the United Nations Flag, and various other flag codes.

Councilmember Malcolm requested Item 6B be pulled from the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Brackett request Item 9B be pulled from the Consent agenda.

Councilmember Saucedo, seconded by Councilmember Brackett, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – Oct 4, 2018
- Item 8A – Petitions and Communications
- Item 9A – From the Mayor
- Items 12 A-B Filing and Communication
- Bills for Approval totaling \$2,090,711.70

Vote – All ayes: Motion carried.

At this time Mayor Broderson presented Kim Seligman from “Muscatine Diabetic Project” with a Proclamation declaring November as Diabetes awareness Month.

Next on the agenda was item 6B that was pulled from consent agenda regarding the in-depth City Council Agenda for October 11, 2018. Councilmember Malcolm requested that the minutes state that he requested proof in the form of documentation verifying that the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce does in fact own the phrase “Pearl of the Mississippi”.

Council voted to accept the change and approve the minutes with the addition.

Next on the agenda was item 9A that was pulled from the consent agenda regarding the reaffirmation of appointments recommended in the Nominating Committee Minutes approved on January 18, 2018. Councilmember Brackett stated the appointment to MUSCOM was given to Councilmember Malcolm. Changes were made to reflect this and there was approval from council.

Councilmember Brockert moved to adopt resolution # 94507-1018, accepting a reduction in interest rate on the Sewer Revenue State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

There were questions from City Council regarding the length of the loan and the financial benefit this would give city that were addressed by Finance Director, Nancy Lueck.

Vote – 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt resolution #94508-1018 awarding the airport hangar apron contract to Heuer Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt resolution #94509-1018 authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs and unpaid rental inspections fees to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from City Council regarding the frequency the mowing is done and if the properties being mowed were complaint driven or regulars that are kept track of.

Community Development Dave Gobin stated that with the amount of rain we have had, the frequency has increased to account for the faster growth rate of the weeds. Mr. Gobin stated both regulars and complaint driven nuisance abatements are considered.

Vote – 7 ayes: Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94510-1018, for the issuance of a purchase order to Safe Life Defense, in the amount of \$5487, for the purchase of 13 ballistic vests for the Muscatine Fire Department. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding why Safe Life Defense was half the price of other bids.

Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief, stated that Safe Life actually is the manufacturer of the vest and were able to give a better price than retailers selling the same product.

Vote - 7 ayes: Motion Carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94511-1018, to proceed with FAA grant application for Airport Taxiway. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

There were questions from City Council regarding the three different grant applications.

Community Development Director Dave Gobin stated the FAA requested we apply in this manner to help cover all three phases of the taxiway project.

Vote – 7 ayes: Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94512-1018, to proceed with Pre-Application process for IEDA Catalyst Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council on the process of selecting the property for the grant and Who would perform the work to acquire the grant?

Mr. Gobin stated that there were criteria that needed to be met to be approved for the grant and the building selected at Pine and 3rd Street met the requirements. He stated another building was also considered however, the owner declined. Mr. Gobin stated the property owner would be doing the work, but the grant would have to go through the city to be approved.

Vote - All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94513-1018, to approve annual Urban Renewal Report for the year ended June 30, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to approve request #94514-1018, to approve the annual Financial Report to the State of Iowa for the year ended June 30, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve request #94515-1018, approving a new lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for Postage Equipment. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brockert moved to approve request #94516-1018, for the issuance of a purchase order to BMW Builders, in the amount of \$12,777 for the Willow Creek Storm Sewer Relief. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to approve request #94517-1018, accepting bid prices from Bayfield Snow removal for 2018/2019 Snow removal. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

There were questions from City Council regarding why only one bid had been received over the past several years for snow removal.

Brian Stineman, Public Works Director, stated many companies don't hire extra help over the winter months and just don't put in a bid. He stated it also takes a significant amount of equipment that most local companies don't have.

Councilmember Brackett stated he had safety concerns with the use of some of the equipment last year not having working lights after dark.

Mr. Stineman stated he would address this issue.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94518-1018, for the approval of the issuance of a purchase order to CPEC, in the amount of \$12,451, for the purchase of a fuel management system for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding how this system would be utilized that were answered by Public Works Director, Brian Stineman.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve request #94519-1018, for amendment to the Transit Joint Participation Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes. Motion carried.

Under Communication:

Councilmember Brockert stated the Domestic Abuse Shelter needs cleaning supplies and could be donated by being dropped off at the MCSA.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he had been hearing good feedback regarding the full depth PCC concrete patchwork being done around the city. He asked if there was a way to get this started earlier next year so that they would have more time to work on it over the summer months.

Councilmember Malcom thanked the Public Works department on their hard work and anticipation for the flooding in Muscatine.

Councilmember Malcom asked if he could be notified by Public Works when they will be able to put the new handicapped ramp in on Mississippi Drive.

Councilmember Brackett stated that tomorrow was the "Over the Edge" fundraiser, and he would be jumping off the roof at 12:10 p.m.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager reminded Council of the closed session to follow.

Mayor Broderson stated the Pollinator Park Project was having a fund raiser at Contrary Brewery on October 26, 2018 from 1-6 pm.

Mayor Broderson stated the next coffee with the mayor would be Saturday morning at 9 at Happy Joes.

Mayor Broderson stated that she would be out of town next week and suggested if anyone need anything to mayor pro-tem Allen Harvey.

Mayor Broderson stated City Council would take a short break and enter closed session.

Councilmember Harvey moved to go into Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. per Iowa Code 21.5.1a.j to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo. All Ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcom. Motion carried.

Mayor Broderson called the closed session to order at 8:04 p.m. Councilmembers present were Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger, City Engineer Jim Edgmond, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Public Works Director Brian Stineman, Fire Chief Jerry Ewers, Police Chief Brett Talkington and Community Development Director Dave Gobin.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to leave close session at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett. All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm. Motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

