

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –December 20, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, December 20, 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 forward to discuss his concerns with snow removal.

Councilmember Brockert, Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – December 6, 2018
- In-Depth Meeting Council Minutes – December 13, 2018
- Petitions and Communications Items 8 A-I
- Receive and File Items 12 A-C
- Bills for Approval totaling \$3,197,291.85

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to approve the third and final reading of ordinance #94582-1218 amending Title 7 Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 5 Automated Traffic Enforcement of the City Code. This change is necessary due to recent Iowa Supreme Court decisions requiring all unpaid fines to be processed as municipal infractions. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Saucedo moved to adopt Resolution #94583-1218, setting a public hearing concerning the declaration of real estate as surplus property and offering said real estate for sale. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

** There was a scrivener's error noted and the date on Resolution should have been Thursday, January 3rd. ***

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to adopt Resolution #94585-1218, accepting the final plat of Gander Ridge Phase II Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #94584-1218, approving the Public Works reorganization plan and amending the official pay plan for non-union employees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa effective January 1, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #94586-1218, disbanding the AD-HOC Permitting Process Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Councilmember Saucedo stated he would like feedback regarding the AD-HOC committee within 180 days.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Spread moved to approve Request #94587-1218, to enter into a contract with Shive-Hattery, for an amount not to exceed \$157,000, for the design of the Park Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from council regarding improvements of curbs and right of way areas that were answered by City Engineer Jim Edgmond.

Councilmember Saucedo asked why Shive-Hattery was selected rather than going through the bidding process.

Mr. Edgmond stated that Shive-Hattery had done the work and was behind the City receiving the TSIP Grant.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request #94588-1218, approving the submittal of grant request letters and TSIP agreements for the Park Avenue Reconstruction and Lane Conversion Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Councilmember Saucedo asked if the project would move forward if the City did not receive the grant money.

Mr. Edgmond stated that the grant had already been approved and the paperwork just needed to be signed and returned to finalize.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request # 94589-1218, approving change orders 002 and 003 for the West Hill Sewer Separation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding the use of Engineering Fabric verses Asphalt around the manholes that was addressed by Mr. Edgmond.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request # 94590-1218, to enter into a professional services agreement with Bolton & Menk for the design of the 2nd Street Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Andrew Anderson, 217 West 4th Street, thanked City Council and Staff for the work that has been done and continues to be done to improve the downtown area. Mr. Anderson encouraged staff and Bolton & Menk to make the changes to 2nd Street very simple and not as complex as Mississippi Drive.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the intentions of this project was to be much smaller. He states the project would address storm water issues, replacement of sidewalks and improvements using some of the elements used on Mississippi Drive.

Councilmember Harvey suggested that the improvements be easy to maintain and do not take up any parking.

Councilmember Malcolm questioned the economic damage to businesses during the process.

Mr. Mandsager stated the project was scheduled for 2020 and that only small sections of 2nd Street would be affected at a time to ensure access to business.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request # 94591-1218, approving the issuance of a purchase order to Martin & Whitacre, for an amount not to exceed \$22,000, for the ROW Survey and legal descriptions for the Grandview Avenue Project. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Harvey moved to approve Request # 94592-1218, a reconsideration of a motion brought forward at the December 18th, 2018, Special Council Meeting allowing for a 1% merit increase for the City Administrator. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Vote – 4 ayes; Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Saucedo & Fitzgerald
3 nays: Councilmembers Brockert, Brackett & Malcolm.
Motion carried.

Councilmember Malcolm complimented the Police Dept. on “Shop with a Cop” and stated he enjoyed seeing the kids shopping with the officers.

Councilmember Brockert reminded Ward 4 that Holiday trash pickup would be Friday.

City Administrator Mandsager reminded council of closed session to follow.

City Councilmembers wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Mayor Broderson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Staff and Council for all their hard work.

At this time there was a short break to prepare for City Council to enter into closed session.

Councilmember Harvey moved to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. per Iowa Code 21.5.1.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 the property. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Mayor Broderson called the closed session meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm. Also, present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger and City Planner Andrew Fangman.

Councilmember Brackett moved to leave closed session at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – All ayes: motion carried

Councilmember Harvey moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

City Administrator, Gregg Mandsager