

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. –July 18, 2019

Mayor Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, July 18, 2019, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Saucedo, Brackett and Fitzgerald.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Communications-Citizens

Mayor Broderson swore in new firefighters Michael Collins and Isaac Linder.

Ralph Burr, 3015 Allen Street asked that a city staff member explain to the residents what is going to be done with the sewer problems at Houser and Dawson Streets.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Fitzgerald, Seconded by Councilmember Brackett, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Items 6 A-B - Approval of City Council Minutes
- Items 8 A-M: Petitions and Communications
- Items 12 A-C: Receive and File
- Bills for Approval totaling \$2,052,968.73
Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Public Hearing

A. Mayor Broderson stated this public hearing concerns declaring real estate located in Scholten’s Addition for sale and authorizing the sale of said property.

There were no comments, oral or written, from citizens regarding this public hearing.

Councilmember Brackett moved the public hearing to be closed, seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11A

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0209, authorizing the sale of lots 5 and 10 of Scholten’s Addition to the City of Muscatine, to Robert Wilson in the amount of \$250.00. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11B

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0210A, setting a public hearing on August 1, 2019, regarding the amendment of Title 8, Chapter 7 of the City Code, Building Regulations, Mechanical Code. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11C

Councilmember Harvey moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0210B, setting a public hearing on August 1, 2019, regarding the amendment of Title 8, Chapter 7 Building Regulations, Plumbing Code. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11D

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0211, setting a public hearing on August 1, 2019, regarding the amendment of Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 11 of City Code.6

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11E

Councilmember Spread moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0212, authorizing the assessment of unpaid nuisance abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding one of the properties being a church and if the City would be able to recover those fees.

Councilmember Brockert stated she has talked to that church and they would like to set up a payment plan to be able to pay the fines.

Councilmember Brackett moved to amend original motion by pulling parcel# 1310229002 from the list of properties and allow Musserville United Methodist Church one month to set up a payment plan and to adjust amounts accordingly on original list of assessments. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Councilmembers voted on original resolution with amendment.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Carried

Item 11F

Councilmember Brackett moved to adopt Resolution #2019-0213, awarding the contract for the 2019 Asphalt Alley Program to Taylor Ridge Paving and Construction. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from City Council regarding the total amount to be spent on this project that were addressed by City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11G

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0214, for the purchase of 3 barges of road salt. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey.

There were questions from City Council regarding cost and storage that were addressed by City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11H

Councilmember Saucedo moved approve Request #2019-0215, for a contract with Barker -Lemar for the preparation of the Assessment of Corrective Measures at the Muscatine County Landfill. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated the amount of progress that has been made with the landfill is very positive.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11I

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request #2019-0216, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$23,552.46, to Jim Hawk Trailer for the repairs of the walking floor in trailer #13. Seconded by Councilmember Saucedo.

There were questions from City Council regarding who was doing the repairs and where the money for this expense would come from that were addressed by City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11J

Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve Request # 2019-0218, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$27,484.00 to Terry and Sons for painting the Aquatic Center pool basin. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding mill checks to ensure proper thickness that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11K

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0219, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$73,360.53 to MTI Distributing for the purchase of a Toro 4700D Riding Rotary Mower for the Soccer Complex. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion carried

Item 11L

Councilmember Brackett moved to approve Request #2019-0217, for the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$44,072.32 to John Deere Tractor for the purchase of a John Deere tractor for Greenwood Cemetery. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions from City Council regarding what attachments were included with the tractor, that were addressed by Parks Superintendent Nick Gow.

Vote – Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Carried

Item 11M

Councilmember Spread moved to approve Request #2019-0225, for a three-year agreement with BMW Builders II for the City of Muscatine's General Contractor. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There were questions from City Council regarding the length of the contract that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman.

Vote - Ayes 6, Nays 0, Motion Carried

Item 11N

Councilmember Saucedo requested a discussion regarding a change in City Code Title 1, Chapter 10, Section 2 E1b. He stated that current code does not allow for Councilmembers to discuss projects, progress and purchases with department heads or staff members.

Councilmember Brackett stated he supports this change, not to give orders to staff but to be able to communicate and receive feedback.

Mayor Broderon read a letter submitted by Councilmember Malcolm stating he is in support of this change.

Councilmember Spread stated he does not feel this change is necessary. He stated that if transparency is the issue how is a one on one conversation transparent.

Councilmember Brockert stated that she supports the change.

Councilmember Spread stated that he does not support the change. He stated that he has not had any trouble with the current code and communication during his time on City Council.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that by changing this code there are other issues that would be affected and the City would need to work with City Attorney on the changes.

There was other discussion between City Council members and staff regarding the change.

There was a consensus with City Council to bring this issue back to Council on August 15, 2019, and to discuss the changes with the City Attorney at said meeting.

Communication-Council Members

Councilmember Harvey reminded businesses that it is City Staff's obligation to enforce rules and regulations and not to change them.

Councilmember Saucedo thanked everyone that made the first Almost Friday Fest a success.

Councilmember Brackett thanked everyone involved in Rockin on Sycamore for raising money for Shop with a Cop.

Mayor Broderson stated Coffee with the Mayor has been cancelled due to the heat and that she will be on vacation for the next week. Mayor Broderson reminded citizens to check on family members and neighbors during this heat spell.

Councilmember Harvey motioned meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor Diana Broderson

Attest:

Acting City Clerk, Jerry Ewers