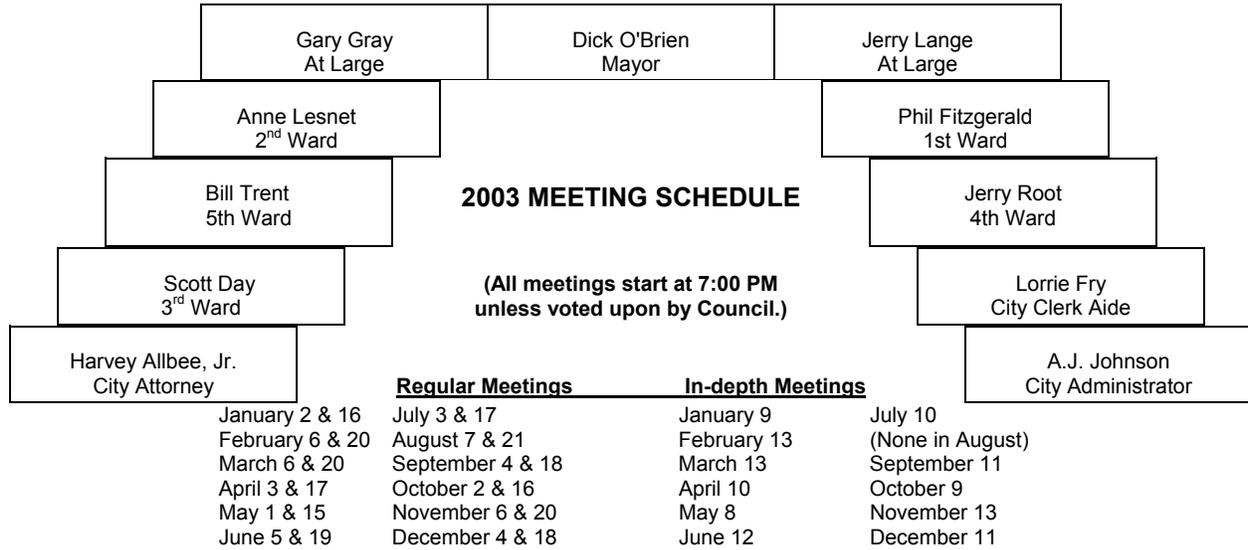


MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA

**THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **OPENING PRAYER**
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
5. **COMMUNICATIONS - CITIZENS**
6. **MINUTES - APPROVAL**
 - A. Regular City Council Meeting – June 19, 2003
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence from the Agenda.

- * 9 – A-C
- * 13 – A-E
- * Bills*

*Approval of attached Bills for Approval totaling \$863,083.23 is subject to the approval of any related agenda item(s).

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Proposed Weed Park Aquatic Center

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing for the proposed Weed Park Aquatic Center as part of the “Pearl of the Mississippi” community improvement project. The aquatic center will be constructed in Weed Park to replace the current municipal swimming pool. The facility will incorporate a number of design and construction features that will enhance the overall swimming experience for the public. It will include a zero depth entry design, water slide, laps for competitive swimming, and other amenities to attract and entertain the public. The estimated construction cost of the project is \$3.5 million and the total overall estimated cost is \$3.8 million.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed Weed Park Aquatic Center.

B. Proposed 10-Year Farm Lease

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing for a proposed 10-year farm lease for approximately 4.67 acres of land located west of the Muscatine Slough on the municipal airport property. Currently the city is involved in a lease arrangement with James Findley of Muscatine to farm this property. It has been determined that it would be in the best interest of both parties to extend this lease for an additional 10-year period that would reflect an increase in the lease payment to the city as adjusted by the annual consumer price index. Prior to any extension of the current lease, a public hearing is required.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed 10-year farm lease extension between the City of Muscatine and the James Findley family of Muscatine.

9. **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request for renewal of a Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Express Mart, 4804 Grandview Avenue – E-Mart Inc.

B. Request for renewal of a Class B Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Pete’s Tap, 1820 Angle Street – Curtis & Colletta Logel

C. Request for five (5) Cigarette Permits from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

10. FROM THE MAYOR

A. Request Approval of Appointments and Reappointments to the Various Boards and Commissions

At this time City Council could take action to approve the appointments and reappointments to the city's various boards and commissions.

11. FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

12. FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance

Presented for City Council's consideration is the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance. The city's Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended and approved the rezoning of 5.397 acres of real estate located in the 3200 block of Highway 61 North from residential (R-1) to light industrial (M-1). The proposed zoning change is consistent with the city's Comprehensive Plan and land use outline.

At this time City Council could take action on the second reading of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance for the City of Muscatine.

B. Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications and Setting the Bid Opening Date for the Weed Park Aquatic Center

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the plans, specifications and setting the bid opening date for the Weed Park Aquatic Center. Previously a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed aquatic center at Weed Park. The estimated cost for the construction is \$3.5 million with the overall cost estimated at \$3.8 million for the project. If approved by City Council, the resolution would establish a bid opening date for the project for Wednesday, July 20, 2003, at 2:05 p.m.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and setting the bid opening date for Wednesday, July 20, 2003, at 2:05 p.m. for the Weed Park Aquatic Center.

C. Resolution Approving Contract and Bond for the Muscatine Skate Park Equipment Purchase Contract

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the contract and bond for the Muscatine Skate Park equipment purchase contract. Previously the City Council took action to approve the purchase of equipment for the skate

park from the American Ramp Company of Joplin, Missouri, in the amount of \$84,972.15. The appropriate contract and bond have been submitted and reviewed by city staff and are now being submitted for Council's consideration and approval at this time.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution approving the contract and bond for the Muscatine Skate Park Equipment Purchase Project between the City of Muscatine and the American Ramp Company of Joplin, Missouri, in the amount of \$84,972.15.

D. Resolution Setting the Time and Place of a Public Hearing on Airport Projects

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution setting the time and place of a public hearing on airport projects. In anticipation of the installation of the instrument lighting system (ILS) at the municipal airport, the FAA is requiring improvements to the runway 6/24 safety area and also the repainting of pavement markings. The city has an application pending for the various airport improvements with the FAA in the amount of \$160,000 to complete this work. The FAA funding represents 90% (\$144,000) of the total project cost with the city's share being 10% (\$16,000). If approved, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution setting the time and place of a public hearing on the plans and specifications for improvements to the runway 6/24 safety area and the pavement marking project at the municipal airport for Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

E. Resolution Approving Replacement of Signs at the Clark House and Sunset Park

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution approving the replacement of signs at the Clark House and Sunset Park housing projects. Included in the capital funds for both the Clark House and Sunset Park operations is the replacement of the curbside signs. Four bids were solicited with two bidders responding to the request for signage. After a review of the bids submitted, it is recommended that the proposal submitted by Parker Signs of Indianola, Iowa, in the amount of \$7,310 be accepted for the project.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution to accept the bids for the new signs for the Clark House and Sunset Park projects from Parker Signs of Indianola, Iowa, in the amount of \$7,310.

F. Request Approval of Change Order #2 for Municipal Airport Engineering Services

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve Change Order #2 for the municipal airport engineering services. The proposed amendment will allow for additional work to be completed for the Runway 6 Safety Area Improvement Project. The work is eligible for 90/10% ratio funding between the city and the FAA. The amount of the change order is \$10,030. The city's share of this change order will be \$1,003.

At this time City Council could take action to approve Change Order #2 for the municipal airport engineering services.

G. Request Approval of 10-Year Farm Lease at the Municipal Airport

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the 10-year farm lease at the municipal airport. Previously the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed 10-year extension of the current farm lease at the airport. The city currently leases 4.67 acres located west of the Muscatine Slough to the James Findley family. The city receives \$116.75 per year for the lease. The 10-year contract extension would allow for changes in the lease amount paid to the city as adjusted by the consumer price index.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the 10-year farm lease agreement at the municipal airport between the City of Muscatine and the James Findley family.

H. Request Approval of Labor Contracts

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the bargaining agreements between the City of Muscatine and the three union bargaining groups, which represent Police Department, Blue/White and Fire Department employees. All three agreements will be for a one-year time period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004. Slight variations in the contract have been negotiated but the significant issues center around vacation and wages for the next year. All three groups will see an increase in their base wages from 2% beginning July 1, 2003 with an additional 1% increase on January 1, 2004.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the authorization of the three bargaining unit contracts between the City of Muscatine and the bargaining groups representing the Police Department, Fire Department and Blue/White employees.

I. Request Approval to Purchase Real Estate

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the purchase of real estate. The city has successfully completed its negotiations with Juanita Bierman to purchase property necessary for the implementation of the ILS (instrument lighting system) project at the airport. An avigation easement and fee simple real estate is being acquired for \$30,000. The FAA will fund 90% of this amount and the city is responsible for the remaining 10% (\$3,000).

At this time City Council could take action to authorize the purchase of real estate associated with the Municipal Airport Improvement Project.

J. Request Approval to Submit Grant Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Phase I of the Mark Twain Outlook Renovation

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the submission of a grant application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for Phase I of the Mark Twain Outlook Renovation Project. At the June In-Depth meeting, the City Council received an update concerning the Mark Twain Outlook Project as part of the Community Improvement Action Team's Landscape Committee work for community beautification. The IDOT has grant funding available that would provide up to \$50,000 for the first phase of the renovation project and that is the native vegetation enhancement and restoration component of the project. There are no matching funds required for this grant application at this time.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the submission of a grant application to the IDOT for Phase I of the Mark Twain Outlook Renovation Project.

K. Request Approval to Perform Additional Restoration on the Greenwood Cemetery Chapel/Office Building

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request for additional funding for restoration work at Greenwood Cemetery. The city is completing restoration work at the chapel under a grant from the State Historical Society. In the process of the restoration work, additional needs were identified and funded with excess funds from the original project. At this time, additional work has been identified that has no funding source. It is being requested that an additional \$10,036 be allocated to this project from the City of Muscatine to address window replacement at the administrative building adjacent to the chapel.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the additional expenditure for window replacement associated with the Greenwood Cemetery Chapel Improvement Project in the amount of \$10,036.

13. COMMUNICATIONS - RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees – May 27, 2003
- B. Bi-State Regional Commission – May 28, 2003
- C. MPW Operating Statements – Electric Utility – May 2003
- D. MPW Operating Statements – Water Utility – May 2003
- E. MP&W Operating Statements – Communications Utility – May 2003

14. APPROVAL OF BILLS

It is recommended bills totaling \$863,083.23 be approved and that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. It should be noted that this listing is subject to the approval of any related agenda item(s).

15. COMMUNICATIONS - COUNCIL MEMBERS

16. OTHER BUSINESS

17. ADJOURNMENT