

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – April 18, 2013

Mayor DeWayne Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, April 18, 2013, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22460. Councilmember Shihadeh, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Approval of April 4, 2013 Regular City Council minutes and April 11, 2013 In-Depth minutes
- Renewal of a Class “B” Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for China Buffet, 1903 Park Avenue #48 – China Buffet of Muscatine Inc. (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License for La Guadalajara Restaurant, 208 East 2nd Street – La Guadalajara Restaurant LLC (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Class “B” Liquor License, Sunday Sales and Catering Privileges for Muscatine Clarion, 2915 North Highway 61 – Jelms Hotel Company LLC (pending and insurance)
- Request approved for Use of City Property for Muscatine Area Farmer’s Market on Saturdays beginning May 4, 2013 and ending October 26, 2013
- Request approved for Use of City Property for Muscatine Schools Foundation 5K Race on May 4, 2013
- Request to Approve Use of City Property for the Annual Neighborhood Block Party for Zion Lutheran Church on May 29, 2013 from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Request to Approve Use of City Property for the 4th of July Fireworks and Muscatine Symphony Orchestra Performance on the Riverfront
- Request to Approve Use of City Property the 4th of July Parade
- Filing of Communications 12A-C
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,457,455.47 as well as receipt summaries and journal entries for March 2013

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22461. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on a proposed zoning change at 3205 Cedar Street (Muscatine Power & Water) for Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 7 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

Councilmember LeRette asked if this rezoning would have any effect on Muscatine Power & Water’s property value.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated they were tax exempt.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22462. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance designating an area of Muscatine as the 2013 Muscatine Housing Urban Revitalization Area. Seconded by

Councilmember LeRette. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22463. Councilmember Spread moved to approve Change Order #5 for the Hershey Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes; motion carried.

#22464. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted accepting completed work for the Hershey Avenue Reconstruction Project and authorizing final payment to Sulzberger Excavating. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22465. Councilmember LeRette moved the resolution be adopted authorizing Administrative Policy changes to the Section 8 Tenant Based Housing Choice Voucher Program. Seconded by Councilmember Shihadeh. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Phillips, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22466. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to approve the professional services agreement with Anderson-Bogert Engineers & Surveyors Inc. to update the airport zoning ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Councilmember Spread stated it was his understanding the maximum amount to be charged was \$25,000. He asked if the amount of \$22,406 indicated in the agreement was the city's share.

Community Development Director Steve Boka stated the \$22,406 is actually the engineer's proposed estimated so the city's share would be 15% of that amount.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Councilmember LeRette, speaking in reference to the rising river, asked everyone to take precautions during the street closures.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked residents to keep their children out of the flood waters for safety reasons.

Councilmember Natvig asked about the Earth Day celebration in Muscatine. City Administrator Mandsager stated it would take place on Friday, April 17, 2013, at the Discovery Center.


Mayor Hopkins stated he attended the Athena Awards event in the Quad Cities and that this year's award winner was Sarah Lande. He stated that last year's winner was Gale Roberts who is the President and CEO of Stanley Consultants.

#22467. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.




DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator