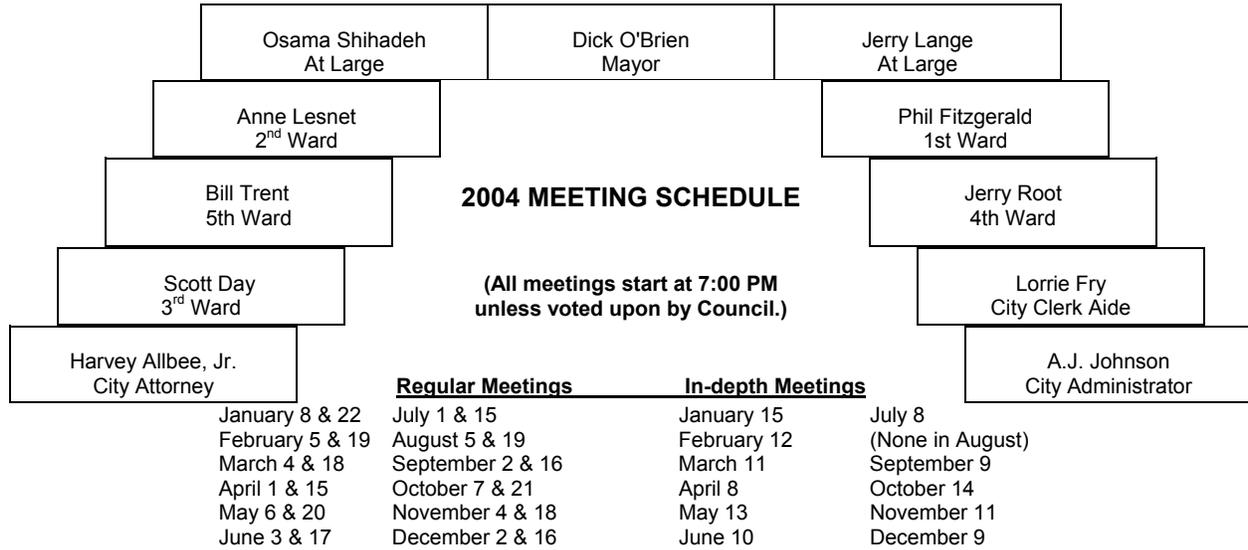


MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL



AGENDA

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004, 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 – February 19, 2004
 - B. Special City Council Meeting – February 18, 2004
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-F
- * Bills*

*Approval of attached Bills for Approval totaling \$879,862.67 is subject to the approval of any related agenda item(s).

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Propose Conveyance of Utility Easements to Muscatine Power & Water

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing on the proposed conveyance of a utility easement to Muscatine Power & Water. In anticipation of an April start date for construction associated with the installation of water mains to provide service to the south end residents, it is necessary to grant easements within public right-of-way to MP&W along 57th Street South and at the city's municipal airport. Prior to the easements being granted, a public hearing is required.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed conveyance of permanent utility easements from the City of Muscatine to Muscatine Power & Water regarding the south end water main extension project.

B. Proposed Transit Funding Application

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing for the proposed transit funding application for the City of Muscatine. The application will cover operational costs from both the state and federal governments totaling \$213,482 and will also include a request for capital assistance in the amount of \$111,200.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed application for state and federal funding to assist both the operational and capital needs of the city's transit operation.

C. Proposed Amendment of City Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing on the proposed amendment of the city's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. In association with its preparation for its next year fiscal budget, the City Council is taking action to amend its current fiscal budget that ends June 30, 2004. Adjustments are being proposed in both revenues and expenditures to reflect changes that have occurred during the current fiscal year. City Council will also take the opportunity prior to the end of the fiscal year to make additional adjustments as necessary. Prior to the adoption of this particular amendment, a public hearing is required.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed amendment to the city budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

D. Proposed Adoption of the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

Previously the City Council took action to establish a public hearing on the proposed adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. For the past several months, city staff and City Council have prepared, reviewed, and refined the proposed fiscal year 2004/2005 city budget that is being presented for public comment and for Council adoption. The city's fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2004 and runs through June 30, 2005, accounts for revenues and expenditures that the city anticipates receiving and spending during that time period. The city's portion of the property tax rate proposed for this fiscal year will be 15.14549% per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an overall increase of 2% in the property tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget also reflects a reduction in the General Fund balance, the elimination or shifting of six General Fund positions, and the reduction and/or elimination of outside agency funding. Prior to formal adoption of the proposed fiscal year 2004/2005 budget, a public hearing is required.

Now is the time for the public to comment on the proposed adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request on first reading for a new Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Steamboat Landing, 3509 Steamboat Way – Steamboat Landing, LLC (pending inspections).
- B. Request for transfer of a Class C Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Moody International Inc., d/b/a Habanero Grill. Moving from 114 E. 2nd Street to 201-205 W. 2nd Street (pending inspections)
- C. Request for Cigarette Permit for Steamboat Landing, 3509 Steamboat Way – Steamboat Landing, LLC, effective March 5, 2004 through June 30, 2004.
- D. Presentation by Parking Task Force

At this time the Mayor's Parking Task Force will make a presentation.

10. FROM THE MAYOR

11. FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

12. FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Utility Easements to the Board of Water, Electric and Communications Trustees of Muscatine Power & Water

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution authorizing the conveyance of utility easements to the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of Muscatine Power & Water. Previously a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed conveyance of utility easements along the right-of-way on 57th Street South and at the city's municipal airport. The conveyance of these easements is in association with the south end water expansion project.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution authorizing the conveyance of utility easements to the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of Muscatine Power & Water.

- B. Resolution Authorizing Application for Annual State and Federal Transit Funding Assistance

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution authorizing the application for annual state and federal transit funding assistance. Previously a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed state assistance of \$115,000, federal assistance of \$98,482 for operational activities, as well as \$111,200 for capital assistance for the purchase of buses for the system.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution authorizing the application for annual state and federal transit funding assistance.

- C. Resolution Amending the Current City Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution amending the current city budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Previously a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed changes for the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2004. The proposed amendment reflects changes that the City Council considered taking action on during the budget preparation sessions held in February 2004.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution amending the current city budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

D. Resolution Adopting the Annual City Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution adopting the annual city budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Previously a public hearing was held on the proposed adoption of the 2004/2005 city budget. The city's portion of the property tax rate proposed for this fiscal year will be 15.14549% per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This represents an overall increase of 2% in the property tax levy for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget also reflects a reduction in the General Fund balance, the elimination or shifting of six General Fund positions, and the reduction and/or elimination of outside agency funding.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution adopting the annual city budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

E. Resolution Releasing Real Estate Under the Community Development Residential Rehabilitation and Conservation Grant Program

Presented for City Council's consideration is a resolution releasing real estate under the Community Development Residential Rehabilitation and Conservation Grant Program. A 0% interest loan was granted under the program to Michael and Connie Ross, 216 Clinton Street. All of the provisions and requirements of the program have been met at this time and it would be appropriate for the City Council to release the mortgage at this time.

At this time City Council could take action by resolution releasing the real estate mortgage under the Community Development Residential Rehabilitation and Conservation Grant Program for Michael and Connie Ross, 216 Clinton Street.

F. Request Approval to Purchase Dredge for the City's Riverfront

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request to approve the purchase of a dredge for the city's riverfront. In association with the "Pearl of the Mississippi Project", the city recently requested proposals from six qualified vendors for hydraulic dredging equipment. Four bids were received with the lowest responsible bid being that of IMS/LWT of Prairie Village, Kansas, in the amount of \$291,057.70. In addition, city staff would recommend the purchase of 50 geotextile bags from Geo-Synthetics Inc. of Springfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$119,437.50. The total cost will be \$410,495.20.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the purchase of hydraulic dredging equipment from IMS/LWT of Prairie Village, Kansas, in the amount of \$291,057.70 and for the purchase of 50 geotextile bags from Geo-Synthetics Inc. of Springfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$119,437.50.

G. Request Authorization to Stencil Storm Water Inlets

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request for authorization to stencil storm water inlets. As part of the city's overall storm water management program, city staff is requesting the authorization to stencil storm water inlets throughout the community to educate the public on not disposing of contaminated material at these points. This project would also fulfill the city's commitment in its "Nine Minimum Control Plan" that was submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to assist and manage storm water runoff. The city will also be working with Eagle Scout candidate Eric Pogel who will be undertaking the storm water inlet stenciling project. The event will be scheduled for May 1, 2004. The overall cost to the city will be \$321.72.

At this time City Council could take action to authorize the stenciling of storm water inlets with the City of Muscatine.

H. Request from the Fire Department to Submit Funding Request to the Muscatine Health Support Foundation

Presented for City Council's consideration is a request from the Fire Department to submit a funding request to the Muscatine Health Support Foundation. Twice a year the Foundation solicits interest in grant applications for health related activities within the community and county. The City of Muscatine's Fire Department would like to submit an application in the amount of \$21,000 for the purchase of a new monitor/defibrillator to be used on the anticipated fourth ambulance for the department. The deadline for submittal of the grant is March 10, 2004. No local match is required.

At this time City Council could take action to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Muscatine Health Support Foundation to purchase a new monitor/defibrillator for the anticipated fourth ambulance for the City of Muscatine.

I. Request from Fire Department for Authorization to Submit Grant Application

J. Review of Joint Communications

At this time City Council review the joint communications funding offer as presented by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors.

13. COMMUNICATIONS - RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. Muscatine County Board of Supervisors – February 9 & 16, 2004
- B. Library Board of Trustees – January 21, 2004
- C. Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees – January 27, 2004

- D. Historic Preservation Commission – January 14, 2003, April 16 & 23, 2003, May 13 & 17, 2003, June 10, 2003, July 22, 2003, September 23, 2003, October 14, 2003, November 11 & 18, 2003, December 9 & 13, 2003, January 13 & 27, 2004
- E. Police Department Monthly Report – January 2004
- F. City of Muscatine Financial Reports – January 2004

14. APPROVAL OF BILLS

It is recommended bills totaling \$879,862.67 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