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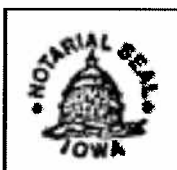
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Jeff Lee

STATE OF IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
27th day of April, 2006

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Councilmember Howard wished everyone a happy Easter. Councilmember Shihadeh stated that despite the objections stated by Councilmember Fitzgerald, he will make contacts to any agency or individuals that can provide him additional information that he finds appropriate in doing his job.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator

CITY OF MUSCATINE IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers 7:00 p.m. April 13, 2006

Mayor Richard O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, April 13, 2006, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Press, Fitzgerald, Howard, Shihadeh, Bynum, Trent, and Day. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes, Solid Waste Manager Lavene Payne, Program Supervisor Jack Savage, and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Les Dennis.

Prior to a formal review of agenda items, Mayor O'Brien asked for comments from the audience. Marv Krieger, 2101 Mulberry Avenue, representing Krieger Auto, provided Council with a written synopsis of his opinion of a recent transaction involving the purchase of a vehicle by the City of Muscatine. After reviewing the written material with City Councilmembers, City Administrator Johnson responded as to the process that was used in the selection of the vehicle. Also these were Councilmembers who commented on their commitment to doing their job and informed Mr. Krieger that there is always written information and staff availability to answer questions they may have and that they do not serve as a rubber stamp Council. Following the review and discussion, Mr. Krieger did state that their company would not provide any warranty work on the vehicle that was purchased from the competitor in Davenport. Mayor and Council thanked Mr.

Krieger for this opinion on this matter.

The first item on the scheduled agenda was a disc golf course review. City Administrator Johnson introduced Parks and Recreation Director Klimes who provided a brief overview of the project and in turn introduced Stephen Ford of Shoemaker-Haaland who provided an overview of the project itself. There were several questions concerning the length of the course, maintenance requirements, the number of courses constructed by Shoemaker-Haaland, whether or not there will be a fee for utilizing the course, etc. The questions were answered by representatives of Shoemaker-Haaland and/or city staff.

Motion approved to endorse the project as submitted and to move forward with the project.

Program Supervisor Savage gave a presentation involving a

"golden disc" which will be the first disc thrown out when the project has been completed.

The next item on the agenda was an overview of the 2006 RAGBRAI activities. City Administrator Johnson introduced Jane Daufeldt of the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry who is helping to coordinate this activity on behalf of the community. Also in attendance was Cassie Jensen a co-op student working with the Chamber from Muscatine Community College. Ms. Daufeldt presented an overview of activities that have taken place to date in preparation for the RAGBRAI participants arriving in Muscatine on July 29, 2006. Included in her presentation were a number of requests that will be formally presented to City Council at the April 20, 2006 City Council meeting. There were questions from Council concerning the routes the riders will be taking, street closures, and also suggestions concerning improvements to the informational material being sent to the riders so they have a list of activities available to them once they arrive in our community. Councilmembers thanked her for her presentation.

The next item on the agenda was a request to issue a purchase order for landfill cell development. City Administrator Johnson provided an overview concerning the proposed issuance of a purchase order for landfill cell development. He explained that this had been an ongoing matter of review between city staff and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources concerning the possible extension of the use of this cell. The city has until June 30, 2006 to complete the cell development per IDNR standards.

There were questions from Councilmembers concerning why we have not received an answer to our request for extension from the IDNR. There was a level of frustration both from staff and Councilmembers concerning this matter.

Councilmember Shihadeh questioned whether or not the city should be making an appeal and going ahead and completing the cell development as previously agreed to by the city. There was an exchange of issues and ideas concerning this matter between staff and Council. Additional clarification will be provided to City Council on this matter.

Motion approved to authorize the issuance of a purchase order to complete the work.

Under the discussion portion of the review, Councilmember Fitzgerald commented about the inappropriateness of direct contact by Councilmembers to state officials during such discussions.

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city staff and other individuals working on behalf of the city trying to negotiate some type of settlement and/or other arrangements.

The tornado warning sign went off and the City Council adjourned to the weather shelter in the basement of city hall. The meeting reconvened in shelter, the following were present: Mayor Dick O'Brien, Councilmembers P. Fitzgerald, Howard, Shihadeh, Bynum, Trent, and Day, and Administrator Johnson. Parks and Recreation Director Klimes.

Continuing on with the agenda review, the leave donation policy was reviewed with Council. This matter had been reviewed with Council in 2005 and was being presented again with the changes that were recommended at that time Councilmembers. The leave donation policy would allow appropriate leave to be donated by employees to be used from pool of hours for individuals who have exhausted their leave available to them in the event of injury, illness, etc. There was quite a bit of discussion concerning the implementation of such policy, what our current practice is, how many times it had been used in the past, etc. Following all of that discussion, it was a consensus of the City Council that the City Administrator take the comments that he received and redevelop a policy for future consideration Council.

The last item on the agenda was an overview of deer hunt in the City of Muscatine. City Administrator Johnson stated that following last year's deer hunt, it was suggested this matter be brought before Council the spring of 2006 to review what, if any, changes needed be made to have a more successful deer hunt. City Administrator Johnson provided Council with an overview of what had taken place including the number of individuals who had taken a proficiency test to hunt inside city limits and the number of deer taken out that were reported. He also explained the option of the city in making contact with IDNR to have the city designated as a deer population management zone which would allow specific number of deer to be taken out during the designated hunting times. It was also suggested that some type of incentive be developed to encourage more hunting within the community. City Administrator Johnson will be working with appropriate staff members to move this project forward and will report back to City Council. Under comment