

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

I, Jeff Lee, being duly sworn, on my oath, say that I am an advertising clerk at the *Muscatine Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa; and that the following Notice:

Muscatine City Clerk

In-Depth Minutes

October 11, 2007

Of which the annexed printed slip is a true, correct and complete copy, was published in said *Muscatine Journal* one time having been made there in on:

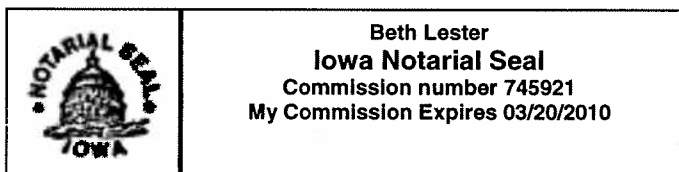
October 29, 2007

Jeff Lee

STATE OF IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
29th day of October, 2007

Beth Lester, Notary Public



PUBLIC DOCUMENT
INDEX No.

9 0 4 1 5

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
MUSCATINE, IOWA

CITY OF MUSCATINE IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. - October 11, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Phil Fitzgerald called the City Council meeting for Thursday, October 11, 2007, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Fitzgerald, Howard, Shihadeh, Bynum, and Day. Also present was Acting City Administrator Randy Hill.

1. Update from United Way of Muscatine
Sharon Gibson-Ellis provided the City Council with a Power Point Presentation on United Way of Muscatine. Using this media format Ms. Gibson-Ellis, who has been in Muscatine for 15 months, addressed the United Way of Muscatine's organizational chart; Resource Development; Funded Agencies; Community Investment; Strategic Planning; Community Initiatives; Day of Caring; Let's Talk Program; Needs Assessment; Muscatine-Louisia Disaster Recovery Plan; and Technical Assistance. She stated that the Muscatine Chapter of United Way ranks third in the nation per capita giving. The United Way goal for 2007 is \$1,103,000 (Councilmember Bynum question). Councilmember Shihadeh complimented Ms. Gibson-Ellis regarding how well she does her job.

2. Green Up Greenwood Presentation
City employee Kathy Chalupa introduced John Steffen, an Eagle Scout who has taken the leadership role in planting trees at Greenwood Cemetery. The purpose is to replace trees destroyed by the tornado that downed many trees in Greenwood on June 1st. Mr. Steffen was requesting the public to help plant trees on Sunday, October 14th. More than 100 trees have been provided by Muscatine Branching Out. Kathy explained that the trees come in a variety of sizes and types. The areas where trees are needed in the cemetery have been prepared by City Staff. Muscatine City Council expressed their appreciation to John Steffen for his efforts.

3. Resolution Approving Release of a Real Estate Mortgage
Resolution adopted releasing a real estate mortgage for property located at 1119 E. 8th Street.

4. Statement of Support for National Guard and Reserves
Roger Roskens, representing the Iowa Committee for Employers Support of the Guard and Reserves, was not in attendance. Acting Administrator Hill gave a brief explanation of the City of Muscatine's support of our employees who are members of either the Guard or the Reserves.

Motion approved to support the National Guard and Reserves.

5. Proposed Lighting Ordinance Review
Steve Boka provided the City Council with an update of the action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Lighting Ordinance. Councilmembers Howard and Bynum stated that they have heard negative comments of support for this ordinance from business owners. Councilmember Shihadeh felt the lighting issue should be reviewed in anticipation of designing a concept/policy that is customized for future Muscatine's needs. Mr. Boka supports the idea of a concept but warned that the enforcement of a policy could be difficult. Councilmember Day would prefer something be drafted soon because some lights are just too bright. He suggested phasing in the lighting ordinance. Councilmember Howard would like to light some of the City streets that are not well lit at the present. He also wondered about the cost and energy impact an ordinance would have. The concluding positions of the councilmember's present were: Day - bring the ordinance forward; Shihadeh - form a study committee and be proactive, but not in the current ordinance form; Bynum/Howard/Fitzgerald - will not support the proposed lighting ordinance as it is written.

6. Proposed Ordinance Amendment Concerning Amateur Fighting Ban

Muscatine Police Chief Gary Coderoni provided a presentation to the City Council on the origin of this amendment. Chief Coderoni said the primary problem of a non-regulated fighting ban is amateurs get hurt when this activity is done in bars. Other communities are taking similar action and Chief Coderoni wants to be proactive in this area before a serious injury occurs. When asked if this was strictly for amateur fighting (Councilmember Fitzgerald) Chief Coderoni said it was and the amendment would not apply to semi-pro or pro fighters. Councilmember Bynum wanted to know if the City has experienced these types of events and Chief Coderoni explained that we had. Chief Coderoni said that this only impacts licensed liquor holders. The consensus of the City Council was to bring this amendment forward.

7. Houser Street/Fulliam Avenue Intersection Review

Mr. Hill submitted a petition for a traffic control device at the intersection of Houser/Fulliam to the City Council to be received and filed.

Motion approved to receive and file the petition. Mr. Hill explained that this intersection is congested twice a day because of school traffic coming to and leaving from West Middle School and McKinley Elementary School. Daily traffic counts were shared with the Council (8,400 and 6,400 respectively on Houser and 3,390 and 270 on Fulliam). Options recommended for Council consideration:

1) install turnable stop signs on Houser during congested hours; 2) rebuild the Houser/Fulliam intersection (estimated cost of \$50,000); 3) install traffic signals (estimated cost of \$70,000 - \$90,000); 4) make this a four way stop. Hill explained that Houser was going to be particularly busy the next year because of the construction on the Bypass at Hershey Avenue. He also stated that city staff did not support making the Houser/Fulliam intersection a four way stop. The City Council directed city staff to meet with representatives of the School District and work out details for using turnable stop signs during specific hours of the day.

8. Comments
Councilmember Howard complimented Councilmember Fitzgerald on running a good meeting as the Mayor Pro Tem.

9. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Hill
Acting City Administrator