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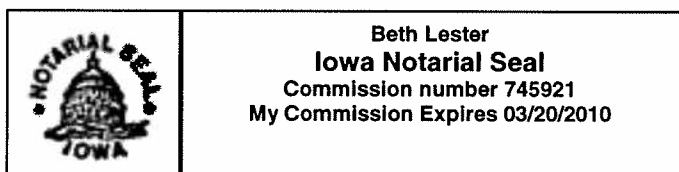
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Jeff Lee

STATE OF IOWA MUSCATINE COUNTY

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
23rd day of November, 2007

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CITY OF MUSCATINE IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers

7:00 p.m. - November 8, 2007

Mayor Richard O'Brien called the City Council meeting for Thursday, November 8, 2007, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were Day, Trent, Bynum, Shihadeh, Howard, and Press. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Finance Director Nancy Lueck, Planning, Zoning and Building Safety Director Steve Boka, and Water Pollution Control Director Don Freest.

Prior to the beginning of the formal agenda, Mayor O'Brien recognized the delegation from Kislavodsk, Russia. Those members of the delegation were introduced to City Council and expressed their thanks for being able to spend time in the City of Muscatine.

The first item on the formal agenda was a WPCP improvements update and review. Bob Veenstra of Veenstra & Kimm was present to provide an overview of the progress to date for the design of the improvements at the WPCP. He explained what has taken place to date and the design issues that are significant to the program. He indicated that two major sources of odor have been eliminated through the design review. Other sources of odor will be dealt with through their design process to eliminate as much odor as possible. Other design issues were discussed as well. Mr. Veenstra then spent time reviewing a request to increase the original scope of the project by allowing for the existing digester tanks to be used for on-site storage for the sludge program. Mr. Veenstra reviewed that process, costs estimate, and the value it is to the overall operation of the land application program.

There were a number of questions asked concerning the mixing use, the life expectancy, cost savings to date, odor control issues, and future benefit to the operation. After discussion, there was a consensus from Council to incorporate the suggested improvements to the design.

The next item on the agenda was an overview of the city's "Top 10" list. Mr. Boka was present to provide an overview of that list. It was noted that the first two properties on the list were previously discussed at the in-depth meeting in September and therefore the review focused on the remaining eight properties. It was noted by City Administrator Johnson and Mr. Boka that the list is developed only at such time when the property owners have become unresponsive to inquiries and directives from the Planning, Zoning and Building Safety Department for improvements, repairs, or replacement of those buildings. This venue is used to bring more public attention to the properties and

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hopefully to generate more interest from the owners to make improvements. However, if improvements are not completed, the staff will bring to Council the request to remove these properties. Council encouraged staff to begin this process as soon as possible.

The last item on the agenda was a TIF review. City Administrator Johnson and Finance Director Lueck provided additional information concerning the TIF program and the reassessment evaluations necessary to meet obligations within specific TIF districts. By doing those reassessments, it is estimated the city will be able to generate an additional \$67,000 within the General Fund. Other funds will benefit because more properties will be on the taxable rolls to spread the cost of those levies over. This discussion dovetailed into the previous discussion that was held by Council concerning budget adjustments to enhance the General Fund operation. Each year by December 1st, the city is required to file with the County Auditor the requirements for debt service and TIF requirements within the TIF districts. With the concurrence of Council, this will now take place.

There were no comments from citizens.

Under the comment segment, Councilmember Howard thanked all those who were involved in the recent general election for City Council seats. Councilmember Shihadeh also thanked the candidates and the citizens for this last election and congratulated those who decided to run but who were not successful and also thanked his supporters for his re-election. Councilmember Bynum referenced the public notice in the paper concerning the pickup of garbage that will be delayed from Monday's route and will be picked up on Tuesday's route due to the Veterans Day observance. He also brought attention to "Cleanup Your Alley Day" which will be November 17, 2007. He encouraged Muscatine residents to come out in their neighborhoods and clean their alleys up. Councilmember Trent offered his congratulations to all those who were elected and to those who sought elected seats. He also provided additional thanks to Steve Boka and his department and to Dick Yerington and his department for the fine work they do in Planning, Zoning and Building Safety and Housing.

The Mayor also thanked the candidates who ran for office and congratulations to those who won. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A.J. Johnson
City Administrator