

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – March 19, 2015

Mayor Hopkins called the City Council meeting for Thursday, March 19, 2015, to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#22930. Councilmember Bynum, seconded by Councilmember Spread, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes for March 5, 2015 and In-Depth City Council Minutes for March 12, 2015
- First and second reading for a new Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Creations by Oz, 110 East 2nd Street – Jeff Osborne (pending inspections and insurance); renewal of a Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor, 203 Lake Park Blvd. – Max Brewer Corp. (pending inspections); and second reading for a new Class “C” Liquor License, Brew Pub, Outdoor Sales and Sunday Sales for Samz Sports Bar, 103 Ford Avenue – Steve Mendoza (pending inspections and insurance)
- Request for Use of Riverside Park for Muscatine Boat Show on September 4-6, 2015
- Request from Ss. Mary & Mathias Catholic School for Use of City Property for Annual Hustle 5K on April 11, 2015
- Request for Use of City Property Great River Days Parade on August 1, 2015
- Filing of Communications 12A-B
- Bills for Approval totaling \$1,330,666.79

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Hopkins stated a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of utility easements on Clermont Drive.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed easement vacations.

#22931. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Hopkins read a proclamation designating April 2, 2015 as “Junior Achievement Day.”

Brandi Olson, who is a resident of Muscatine and a JA council member, stated that she and Jim Nepple were present to promote Junior Achievement.

Jim Nepple, 2704 Mulberry Avenue, who serves on the Advisory Committee for Junior Achievement, stated he has been involved with JA since it first started in 1985. He stated the program serves approximately 2,500 students in grades K-12. He then talked about the benefits the program offers to the participating students.

#22932. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1 Administrative, Chapter 6 Mayor and City Council, Section 2 Salary of Mayor and Section 5 Salary of Council. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22933. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted approving the vacation of utility easements on Lots 7 and 8 of the Riverbend Second Addition on Clermont Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22934. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the official pay plan for non-union employees of the City of Muscatine effective July 1, 2015. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22935. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted approving an internal advance for matching funds for the Mercer-Muscatine Revolving Loan Fund for the Downtown Hotel/Conference Facility Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22936. Councilmember Bynum moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of unpaid abatement costs to private properties. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22937. Councilmember Spread moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing for public comment on the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency Plan for Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22938. Councilmember Spread moved to adopt the Resolution of Support and the IEDA application from Union Tank Car for tax increment financing. Seconded by Councilmember Natvig.

Community Development Director Dave Gobin stated this particular application is for a local company that is expanding. He stated the Chamber (Greg Jenkins) did a great job moving this project forward. He stated the company already has 20 people and is looking to add another 10. He stated the project is a small one, but the company will be investing approximately \$1.9 million in improvements to its facility.

Mr. Gobin stated the company is already located within a TIF district, and the city's contribution to the project is approximately \$44,000 over a 10 year period.

Tim Robinson, who has worked with Union Tank Car for 26 year years, gave a brief history of the company. He stated that Union Tank Car was started in 1889 and was part of the Standard Oil Company. He stated that in 1911 the company went out on its own. He stated the company has been in Muscatine since 1978. He then gave a brief overview of what his company does.

Councilmembers were in agreement that this project was very positive for the City of Muscatine.

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

#22939. Councilmember Natvig moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the vacation of utility easements in the Hubbard Prairie Subdivision for Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers Fitzgerald, Natvig, Bynum, and Spread. Motion carried.

#22940. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on the rezoning of property at Fletcher and Hershey Avenue from R-3 Single Family Residential to R-5 Multi-Family for Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum.

There was discussion concerning the effect this rezoning would have on Miller's Hill which will be discussed further during the public hearing.

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

#22941. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to accept the bid from Electronic Engineering in the amount of \$11,563 for the transitioning of squad car equipment into newly purchased squads. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

Councilmember Spread stated that in the information provided to Council, the statement was made that it may be necessary to purchase additional parts. He asked for clarification.

Police Chief Brett Talkington stated the additional parts included the mounts and brackets.

Vote – All ayes; motion carried.

#22942. Councilmember Natvig moved to approve the professional services agreement with Shoemaker & Haaland in the amount of \$123,907 for the Mulberry Avenue Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes; motion carried.

Under comments, Acting City Administrator Randy Hill thanked Councilmembers present for a smooth meeting.

#22943. Councilmember Bynum moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

DeWayne Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator