

CITY OF MUSCATINE
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
February 8, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Brad Bark called the meeting for the City Council's budget review session for Wednesday, February 8, 2023, to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Osborne, Lewis, Hopkins, Brockert, Froelich, Gordon and Jindrich.

City Administrator Webb stated the Debt Services was being moved from the agenda and will be added to a future agenda.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview and history of Local Option Sales Tax. Ms. Lueck stated 80% of this fund is used for sewer projects and 20% for pavement management.

Ms. Lueck shared the proposed plan to use these funds over the next three years to complete the Fulliam Avenue Reconstruction Project. This project from Kinder to Houser would be split into three sections and will be construction during the summer months while school is not in session.

Councilmembers had questions regarding the timing of this project that were addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman. He stated bids should be able to go out in March and construction could start when school is out for the summer.

Council had questions regarding other road work during this three year time frame that were addressed by Mr. Stineman. He stated there would be small inhouse road repairs but there would not be any big contracted projects during this time.

Councilmember Osborne had questions about when the 2nd Street Monuments would be complete. Mr. Stineman stated once the temperatures were warmer, they would be able to finish the monuments.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of Road Use Tax and stated this fund pays for the general fund street related expenses.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck reviewed the Capital Projects on the revised 2022-2023 budget.

Finance Director Nancy Lueck reviewed the Capital Projects for the proposed 2023-2024 budget to include:

Carver Corner – Discussion on funds available and the submission of grant funding for Carver Corner roundabout project. Council had questions regarding the tear down of buildings on the corner that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman. Mr. Stineman stated at this time there is no plan to remove structures but that will be decided with the final design.

Sidewalks – A portion of funds have been set aside for the sidewalk work on Devitt Street. Mr. Stineman stated the city has applied for "Other Means of Transportation Grants" that could be used for sidewalks and trails.

Parks – Ms. Lueck shared information regarding the soccer field irrigation project and the Weed Park Lagoon Renovation. There were questions regarding when the HAWK Crossing would be finished that were addressed by Mr. Stineman.

Public Works – Ms. Lueck shared information regarding the upgrading of the public works gas pumps and tanks. Public Works Director Stineman stated the estimated cost came in more than the original budget. Original budgeted amount was 425,000 and the new estimated cost is \$510,000. Ms. Lueck stated she would adjust the bond to include the additional amount. Mr. Stineman stated the West Hill Sewer Project was being held up due to research by the Historical Preservation Committee. He stated depending on the finding, vibration monitoring may have to be done to ensure no damage to historical properties.

Ms. Lueck stated the total estimated Bond is \$4,300,000. Councilmember Gordon suggested adding more into the bond to complete the Clark House Elevator Project. Ms. Lueck stated that they were looking into a loan between housing and the City that could be repaid in a shorter amount of time.

Councilmember Gordon had questions regarding buildings that had been demolished and what was happening to the property. She stated if the property was sold could it be incorporated back into the demolition

funds. Ms. Royal-Goodwin stated that many are not owned by the City and would have to pay the city back for the demolition, and that the money would go back into the demolition funds.

Mayor Bark had questions regarding updates on the Amphitheater Project that were addressed by Mr. Stineman. He stated he had a meeting with the design team next week and should have more updates after that.

There was discussion with City council regarding the status of outstanding bonds and Ms. Lueck stated that would be discussed more when the debt funds are discussed.

Ms. Lueck stated that a future meeting would be scheduled to discuss items that have not been prepared due to waiting on information from the state.

Councilmember Gordon moved to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cinda Hilger, Administrative Secretary

Carol Webb, City Administrator

Dr. Brad Bark, Mayor