



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the In-Depth City Council meeting for February 9, 2023 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Nadine Brockert, John Jindrich, Jeff Osborne, Peggy Gordon, Angie Lewis, Dennis Froelich, DeWayne Hopkins. Mayor Dr. Brad Bark, City Administrator Carol Webb and Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger were also present.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Request by Musco Lighting for Tax Increment Financing Assistance for the Expansion of Production Space at Musco's Muscatine Facility in the 1900 block of Stewart Road.

Brett Nelson, General Manager for Musco Lighting presented to City Council regarding an expansion of the Musco production facility. Mr. Nelson stated Phase 1 had been completed which included the addition of parking and now they are ready to start phase 2 which would include a 22,000 sq. ft. addition in 2023 and an additional 90,000 sq. ft. building in 2025. He stated Musco has proposed this project would be an 11 million dollar project and would add fifty new jobs to the community. Mr. Nelson Stated Musco is asking for TIF support for this project and a letter of support to the Iowa Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program.

There was a consensus from City Council to move forward with a letter of support that will be on the Feb 16, 2023 agenda for approval.

- B. Request by Kent Pet Group, Inc. for Tax Increment Financing Assistance for Business Expansion

Scott Heinrichs of Kent Pet Group presented to Council regarding a request for Tif Assistance. Mr. Heinrichs shared a short history of Kent Pet Group and the product made by this business. Mr Heinrichs stated they have outgrown their facility and have been researching locations to increase their production site. He stated this project would be 75-80 million dollars and would bring 28

new jobs to the community. Mr. Heinrichs stated there are several options available but they would like to stay in the Muscatine area.

Councilmembers had questions regarding when construction would start and what would happen to the old facility that were addressed by Mr. Heinrichs.

Mr. Heinrichs Stated Kent Pet is asking for TIF support for this project and a letter of support to the Iowa Economic Development Authority High Quality Jobs Program.

There was a consensus from City Council to move forward with a letter of support that will be on the Feb 16, 2023 agenda for approval.

C. Discussion of Proposed Updates to the Building Code Regulations

Community development inspectors presented to City Council a proposal to adopt 2021 building codes to include local amendments.

Mr. Oien gave the history of building codes and the purposes they were intended for to include occupant safety and durable buildings.

Mr. Gillette shared information regarding the number of permits issued and number of inspections performed each year by the department. He stated the international Code Council publishes an updated version every three years with the most recent being 2021. He states that staff recommends the adopting of the 2021 codes to be in better consistency with surrounding communities, to provide better safety and it would also lower insurance rates for residents.

Mr. Morgan stated the differences would include adoption of the uniform plumbing code, residential sprinkler changes in language, Pole building engineering clarifications and changes to storm shelter requirements.

Staff request a consensus to move forward the adoption of the 2021 building codes to include local amendments for Muscatine.

Council requested more flyers available to residents regarding regulations for different types of projects.

There was a consensus with City Council to move forward with adoption of the 2021 codes.

5. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Froelich moved the meeting be adjourned at 06:50 PM

Submitted by:

Cinda Hilger, Administrative Secretary

Attest:

Carol Webb, City Administrator

Brad Bark, Mayor