



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the In-Depth City Council meeting for September 14, 2023 to order at 07:15 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Nadine Brockert, Jeff Osborne, Peggy Gordon, Angie Lewis, Dennis Froelich, DeWayne Hopkins. Councilmembers Absent: John Jindrich. 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. Presentation and Discussion on City Wayfinding Project

Jeff Frank, Corbin Design, was present to update City Council on the Wayfinding Project. Mr. Frank gave the results of the city survey for the type of wayfinding sign and stated the results were 66% for Design 2 which and 33% for Design 1. Council agreed to move forward with design 2. Mr. Frank gave a presentation on the different types of signage that would be used throughout Muscatine. There were questions from City Council regarding putting the City Logo on the sign, materials made in using the signs, incorporation of existing signage to match,

B. Discussion on Potential Relocation of Dredge Spoil Dewatering Operation from the Hawkeye Site

Andrew Fangman, Assistant Community Development Director, gave a presentation regarding the possibility of relocating the dredge spoil site further down mad creek in order to open up the former Hawkeye Lumber site for development. Mr. Fangman stated this would allow for housing opportunities, trail expansion, and improve the unsightly entrance into the City.

City Council had questions regarding flooding that were addressed by Mr. Fangman.

City Council consented for staff to move forward with a plan to bring back to council regarding the relocation of the dredge spoil site,

- C. Proposed changes to Title 6, Chapter 8 Regarding Animal Regulations
Captain Jeff Jirak, Muscatine PD and Courtney Patel, Animal Control Officer were present to give City Council an update on changes to City Code regarding animal regulations. Ms. Patel reviewed minor changes to code, amending language to clarify the severity of bites and removing language on late fees. The City Council consented to move forward with these changes. Captain Jirak presented proposed changes to the city code regarding snakes and other exotic animals. Mr. Jirak proposed striking the current language and replacing it with language that complies with the state code and adding language specific to the Muscatine code regarding types of snakes and length of snake. There were questions from City Council regarding the breeding of the snakes that were addressed by Captain Jirak.
- D. Discussion on Building Code Update Items
Andrew Fangman, Assistant Community Development Director, led a discussion regarding the adoption of new building codes and seeking City Council's input regarding the adoption of the State Historic Building Code. Mr. Fangman gave an overview of the State Historic Building Code and the intentions for the code. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of the state building code verses amending the Muscatine City Code to more specifically address historic building regulations.
Andrew Fanman also gave an overview of a proposed Construction Appeals Board. Mr. Fangman stated, in addition to hearing appeals, this board would be beneficial to help with future code updates.
The City Council had questions regarding what would constitute a building as historical, what situations would require the use of the appeals board, City Administrator Webb suggested moving forward to creating the Appeals board and then working with the board to amend codes to suit Muscatine's needs.

5. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Froelich moved that the meeting be adjourned at 08:52 PM.