



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, November 2, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for November 2, 2023 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **INVOCATION - Matt Haecker, First Baptist Church**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **FROM THE MAYOR**

Jeff Jirak - Muscatine Police Department- was present to share an update on the PD Mental Health and Wellness Program. Mr. Jirak stated Muscatine received one of 60 grants in 2021 for the program in the amount of \$80,000 and was just recently awarded a 2nd grant in the amount of \$200,000. This program provides peer support for first responders when needed.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AS AMENDED**

Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Dennis Froelich, moved to Approve the Agenda .

City Administrator Carol Webb stated the closed session would be pulled from tonight's agenda.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS - CITIZENS**

Ed Zeman, 1111 W. 3rd Street Wilton was present to share his concerns regarding the residents being able to retrieve their belongings from the Welch Apartments. Mr. Zeman stated there are people willing to sign a waiver to be able to go in and get items for the

residents.

Sandy Grady, 1503 Houser Street, was present to share her concerns regarding the Welch apartments and had questions why there was no concern regarding Boonies being in danger due to the conditions.

Andrew Fangman. Community Development, was present to give an update on the Welch Apartments stating that they are in the process of signing a contract for the work to begin to shore up the building which would make it safe for residents to return. Mr. Fangman did not have an exact timeline but stated the hold up had been getting an engineer to come in and evaluate and now that has been completed.

John Elshoff 106 Lord Avenue, was present to share information regarding a program he is leading to provide a Yoga Class for veterans, caregivers and first responders on November 11th at the Muscatine YMCA.

Fernando Cruz - was present to request information regarding the upcoming election process. (Interpretation was provided by Mr.Cruz's niece.)

8. COUNCILMEMBER FOLLOW UP TO CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

9. CONSENT AGENDA * (ITEMS 10-14)

Councilmember Jeff Osborne, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon, moved to approve the Consent Agenda including Items 10-14. Ayes - 7 , Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

10. * REVIEW AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES

A. October 19, 2023 City Council Meeting minutes

11. * PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Request on first and second reading on a new Class "B" Retail Alcohol License for Dollar General #7027, 2000 Cedar Plaza Drive – Dolgencorp, LLC (pending inspections)

B. Request for renewal of a Class "B" Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service for Headquarters Corp., 2108 Grandview Avenue – Headquarters Corp. (pending inspections and insurance)

C. Request for renewal of a Class "C" Beer Permit, Class "B" Wine Permit and Sunday Service for Aldi, Inc #05, 3200 Northport Drive – Aldi, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)

12. * COMMUNICATION – RECEIVE AND FILE

A. October 16, 2023 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

B. October 23, 2023 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

C. October 25, 2023 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes

13. * PURCHASE ORDERS

- A. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Fritel and Associates, LLC DBA Diversified Product Development in the Amount of \$7,312.00 for the Purchase of a Truck-mounted Post Puller.

14. * APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. November 2, 2023 Bills for Approval

15. PUBLIC HEARING

16. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

17. FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance Creating a Construction Appeal & Advisory Board
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, Seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne, moved to Approve the second Reading of this Ordinance
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- B. Resolution to Award and Approve a Contract with Henley Group, LLC in the amount of \$122,000 and a performance bond with ZipBonds for the Taylor Park Restroom Project
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- C. Request to Declare a List of Items from Multiple Departments as Surplus so they can be Disposed of by Public Auction
Councilmember John Jindrich, seconded by Councilmember Dennis Froelich moved to approve the request.
Councilmember Osborne had questions regarding the microfiche files being digitally saved and stated replacing this equipment to read the files in the future would be costly.
City Administrator Webb stated this item could be approved contingent on the files being saved digitally for future reference.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion .
- D. Request to Approve Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Annual Financial Report to the State of Iowa
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- E. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Martin & Whitacre Surveyors and Engineers, Inc. in the Amount of \$45,480.00 for Additional Land Surveying Services on the remainder of the West Hill Sewer Separation Project Councilmember DeWayne Hopkins, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- F. Request to Approve Annual Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

18. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

19. CLOSED SESSION MEETING

- A. Request to enter closed session closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the litigation, and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622.10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.

Pulled from Agenda

20. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dennis Froelich moved the meeting be adjourned at 06:37 PM.