



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for December 14, 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. Councilmembers Absent: . 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 on Pet Data, website information, and demonstration of the registration process.

Animal Control Officer Courtney Patel and Communications Manager Kevin Jenison were present to share information regarding the new Pet Data program the City of Muscatine will soon be utilizing for registration of pets. Mr. Jenison walked through a demonstration of how the pet data program works as well as sharing the advantages that the City will have by using this program.

There were questions from the City Council regarding the security of the data being entered, the transaction fee charged when registering your pet, and how notices of expiring license would be distributed. Ms. Patel stated that no personal information would be shared, the \$2 fee is a per-transaction fee for processing and that the Pet Data Company would send out reminder notices via U.S. Postal Service for expiring licenses.

Council inquired if citizens would still be able to register their pets at City Hall and Ms. Patel stated that there would be paper forms available at City Hall, It Takes a Village, the Human Society as well as local veterinarians that residents could fill out and mail in if they chose to not register electronically.

Ms. Patel also stated that Pet Data would receive a list of animals vaccinated at local vets and would send out letters to those residents stating that their pets

needed to be registered.

There was a consensus with the City Council to move forward with the roll-out of the Pet Data System.

B. Presentation of Compensation Study Results

Rick Campbell was present to share the results of the recently completed compensation study for the City of Muscatine.

Mr. Campbell gave an overview of how the process was completed and reviewed the data in each section.

There was discussion and questions with City Council regarding the variables used to determine the comparable cities.

Council stated they felt the scope of cities used was too broad and was not a fair comparison to Muscatine. City Council suggested using only the cities that were within 10% above or below the cost of living in Muscatine and see how the results would differ.

Council had questions regarding the benefits offered by the city and City Administrator Webb stated the benefits were also evaluated in the study and Muscatine came in at benchmark with the comparable cities.

City Councilmembers consented to move forward with a review of the data to include only those cities within a 10% cost of living amount as Muscatine and to issue a change order to be presented at the December 21, 2023 Council Meeting for the additional work to be done on the study.

5. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Froelich moved the meeting be adjourned at 07:42 PM.