



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for January 11, 2024 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Nadine Brockert, John Jindrich, Jeff Osborne, Peggy Gordon, Angie Lewis, Matt Conard, Don Lampe. Mayor Dr. Brad Bark, City Administrator Carol Webb and Administrative Secretary Cinda Hilger were also present.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief Kies was present to give an update regarding the Welch Apartments and a break in that occurred during the week. Mr. Kies stated the Police are working with the owners of the building as well as the residents on the investigation.

Councilmember Peggy Gordon introduced the five non-profit groups presenting at the meeting.

A. Laundry of Love

Pastor Kevin Powell, Trinity Episcopal Church was present to share information on "Laundry of Love". Pastor Powell stated his program helps individuals and families that do not have access to washing machines to be able to have clean clothing. This program is once per month on the 4th Thursday of the month at Midtown laundry.

Cash donations and volunteers are always accepted.

B. Theo Wolf Foundation - Safe Sleep, Every Sleep, - Jonathan and Lisa Wolf

Lisa Wolf was present to share information regarding infant and child safe sleep. Ms. Wolf spoke from experience of losing a child and the goal of the Theo Wolf Foundation is to make every sleep a safe sleep for every child. This foundation has multiple events to raise money and educate citizens throughout the year and encouraged anyone wanting more information to reach out to the organization.

C. Riding for Success - Jenny Paetz

Jenny Paetz was present to share information regarding "Riding for Success", a

non profit organization that utilizes horse riding for multiple types of therapy. Ms. Paetz shared success stories of children speaking for the first time and other that have avoided surgery because of the exercise of riding the horses. Mr. Paetz stated many volunteers are needed to help with this organization and encouraged citizens interested to reach out through the organizations Facebook page.

D. Muscatine Art Council - Diana Tank

Members from the Muscatine Art Council were present to share how the art council has impacted the City of Muscatine by hosting summer concert series, Eagles and Ivories, Art Array and Wondering Words. They stated Muscatine is very blessed to have the Muscatine Art Center/Museum as well as the other opportunities that are created through the Art Council. They encouraged citizens to support their programs to help fund more upcoming events.

E. Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Sarah Walsh

Sarah Walsh came to present on the organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" which makes beds for children that do not have a bed to sleep on. Ms. Walsh stated that 3% of the population of children are sleeping on something other than a bed. Ms. Walsh stated she was overwhelmed by the community support in Muscatine for their organization and the amount of beds they have been able to build in the short time they have been established. Ms. Walsh shared information regarding how citizens and business can help by donations and/or volunteering to build and deliver beds.

5. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

8. **EXEMPT SESSION**

- A. Exempt Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9 to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the City of Muscatine who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.