



City of Muscatine

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bark called the City Council budget review meeting for February 6, 2024 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Lampe, Osborne, Brockert, Gordon, Lewis, Conard, Jindrich.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senior Resources

Humane Society

MCSA

GMCCI (Marketing & Tourism, Economic Development)

Senior Resources

Megan Frances, Marketing Director for Crossroads, was present to share information regarding Senior Resources and the programs they manage including: Home Repair Program, Chore Program, Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Care Program and the Outreach Program. Ms. Frances shared how these programs are not only to help seniors but also a way of checking on these older residents for well being.

Muscatine Human Society

Chris McGinnis, Muscatine Humane Society, was present to share updates on services provided. Ms. McGinnis shared that the Humane Society had received several donations over the past year including financial donations as well as supplies and equipment.

Ms. McGinnis updated City Council on the status of the improvements being made at the Humane

Society and explained the need for more updating in the near future.

Ms. McGinnis stated that this year the request is for the City to pay the cost of keeping the animals for the required 7 days that brought in from within the city as strays. Ms. McGinnis states this cost is approximately \$100/animal and would equal around \$90,000.

MCSA

Katie Kelly from the MCSA was present to share the services provided by the

Muscatine Center for

Social Actions. Ms. Kelly stated the program supported by the funding from the City is the "Homeless

Prevention Program". Ms. Kelly stated that this program is designed to lead clients to self sufficiency

navigating them to be successful in their own financial independence.

Muscatine Greater Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Rebecca Paulsen VP of Operations and Tourism shared a presentation highlights from 2023 events and special programs planned and managed by the Chamber.

Ms. Paulsen shared information on upcoming events to include: 10 visits by the American Cruise line to Muscatine during the summer of 2024 and the return of the Twisted Catfish Tournament along with many other events planned for 2024.

Ms. Paulsen shared information regarding the Economic Development part of the Chamber.

She stated the key strategies include: Building relationships with existing business, recruitment of new businesses, building partnerships within the community, preparing development options, work force development, financial assistance to small businesses, assembling useful information to be distributed, improving the quality of life for residents etc.

Other

Finance Director Lueck stated new requests are not normally discussed but the City had received a letter this year from legal services asking for support.

Ms. Lueck asked if there were any objections to Muscatine Legal Services coming to speak to council regarding their request. There were no objections.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember None moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm.