



City of Muscatine

MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: City Administrator Webb, Deputy Clerk Cinda Hilger, Mayor Brad Bark, Councilmembers; Angie Lewis, Don Lampe and Jeff Osborne. Nancy Lueck was present for discussion regarding the Union Contracts.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Review Current Council Agenda

Item 17A- Councilmember Lewis suggested removing until after the Devitt Sidewalk Issues are resolved.

C. Webb stated that this is just a language cleanup and will make no changes or differences to anything associated with the Devitt Sidewalk Issue.

Councilmember Lampe stated he would clarify this at the Council Meeting.

Contract Negotiation Items: Council had questions regarding the total amount being paid to employees per the negotiated contracts. Nancy Lueck was present to respond.

Carol Webb will email council with the amounts once completely figured.

County sent out tax valuation information to all county residents. Be prepared for questions.

Carol will share talking points to council to use in addressing any citizen questions.

April 4th, meeting will start at 5:30 with a public hearing.

B. Review Council 6-month Planning Calendar

Mayor Bark suggested putting the Harbor and Marina updates on a summer in-depth. Carol Webb stated that parks is too busy in the summer to prepare for it and would suggest a fall meeting instead. Carol will discuss with Rich Klimes to find out when it would be the best to address.

City Properties: Councilmember Osborne had questions regarding what would happen with the properties that were not sold at the last bid posting. Suggestions included: re-posting them on City website, contracting a relator, lowering the low bid price, removing restrictions for building and offer to adjacent property owners.

Members had discussion regarding housing requirements and a housing catalog that would list the houses that would be approved to be built on property. Thus saving time and money on development plans for the properties and moving the projects along more rapidly.

City Code regarding sidewalks:

How to move forward with City Code and Sidewalk installation/repair.

The City has not been following code for some time, Do we change code or enforce what we have?

Possibility of residents working with City to do neighborhoods at one time and get a better "group" deal and cost sharing between city and resident is an option.

Jeff had questions regarding damaged sidewalks that have been reported and closed out in see/click/fix but the sidewalk remains the same.

Carol will look into letter sent regarding sidewalk repair and determine the timeline and how to move forward.

Jeff stated at what point to we move forward and pay contractor to fix and charge resident as we do with other nuisance abatements.

Boards and Commissions Liaisons:

Carol stated she is waiting on direction from council on where to go with this item.

Mayor Bark stated he does not like the idea of Councilmembers on the boards and states that the Council should trust the residents to meet and for the board chair to report back to the City Administrator or Council regarding any issues or ideas.

Mayor Bark suggested putting this item on an in-depth meeting and inviting the members of the boards to get their opinions on this topic.

Councilmember Lewis suggested that if Boards did not want a councilmember on the board that they should be required to come to a council meeting to report activity within their board or commission regularly.

C. Review Status of City Council Priorities

No discussion on this topic due to time restraints.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM