



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for October 10, 2024 to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Presentation on Proposed Medical Facility at 200th Street and Mulberry Avenue and Request for Financial Assistance
Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin introduced Ken Brockman and Kevin Koellner from ORA for their presentation on the proposed ORA Facility. They shared details about the proposed facility and stated they were asking the City for help with the cost of the utility extension by allowing for a 10 year 80% TIF agreement. They stated this would be a 3 million dollar project and would add approximately 22 new jobs.
There were no objections from City Council to move forward with the project.
- B. Request for a Consensus from City Council to Proceed with a Lease with Muscatine Power & Water for a Portion of the Muscatine Municipal Airport Property to Develop a Solar Generating Facility
Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin presented details regarding a request from MPW to lease 155 acres at the Muscatine Municipal Airport for the Development of a Solar Field. There were questions from City Council regarding what would happen with equipment when the lease was over that were addressed by staff stating MPW would be responsible.
There were no objections from City Council to move forward with Lease Agreement.
- C. Police Department is seeking City Council guidance in formulating a response to DOT's rejection to the Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) applications submitted by the City of Muscatine.

Assistant Police Chief Snider was present to get directions from City Council regarding moving forward with the Appeal process on the Iowa Department of Transportation's ban on ATE Camera speeding tickets. Mr. Snider stated an appeal process was being organized, and multiple cities would be participating. Mr. Snider stated going forward with the appeal could lead to financial costs for legal fees. The council had questions regarding what Chief Kies and Assistant Chief Snider recommended and how the process would work. There was a consensus to move forward at this time with the appeal process.

D. Update on Expenditures and Obligations of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

Finance Director Nancy Lueck gave an overview of the ARPA funds received by the City of Muscatine. Ms. Lueck reviewed the funds that have been used and the remaining amount that needs to be allocated prior to the end of 2024. Ms. Lueck shared a list of projects submitted by departments that could potentially be paid for by the remaining funds and sought the council's feedback on which projects they felt should be funded. Council had questions regarding the priority of the items, suggested other items to include riverfront resurfacing and lighting and had questions regarding the need for the fitness facility. Ms. Lueck stated the riverfront items would not be able to be under contract by the end of the year and they could be part of next year's bond issue.

Council consented to staff prioritizing and utilizing the ARPA funds for the proposed list of items.

5. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Jindrich asked if staff could do a TIF presentation at an upcoming meeting to educate the public on how TIF works.

Chief Kies thanked MPW for their contribution and support of City projects.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Gordon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.