

Muscatine City Council Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2025

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for April 17, 2025, to order at 06:00 PM. at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Invocation: Ray Oehme, Vineyard Church

Councilmembers Present: Brockert, Jindrich, Osborne (by phone), Gordon, Lewis, Lampe, Conard.

Mayor Bark presented a Proclamation for Arbor Day.

Councilmember Lampe requested item 11H be pulled from the agenda.

Gordon/Lewis moved to approve the agenda as Amended. Vote: All ayes - Motion Passed.

Approval of Consent agenda: Brockert/Lampe, moved to approve the Consent Agenda including Items 10-14. Vote: All ayes - Motion Passed. (April 3 and 10th City Council Minutes. Tax abatement application for Best Samwich Stores, Inc. Road closures at 1022 Lombard and 210 Pond Street for Repairs. Alcohol Permit renewals for Salvatores, Dollar General, Walmart, and Hong Kong Buffet. Receipt of March 31 and April 7 County Board of Supervisors Minutes. Purchase Orders to Rehrig Pacific for Refuse Containers, Crawford Company for Houser Lift Station project, Johnson H2O Equipment for Well abandonment at C&D Landfill, Wrightway Trailers for Litter Collection Trailer and Neptune Flotation for Marina Dredge Hose floats. Approval of Bills totalling \$3,740,441.39.

Public Hearings.

Public Hearing for the City of Muscatine Transit (Muscabus) Annual Application for State and Federal Transit Funds Through the Consolidated Funding Application. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Gordon/Lewis, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All ayes - Motion Passed.

Public Hearing Regarding the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency's 2025-2029 5-Year Plan, 2025 Annual Plan and Capital Fund Program. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Lewis/Lampe, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All Ayes - Motion Passed.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment #1 to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Gordon/Lewis, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All ayes - Motion Passed.

Public Hearing on the Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Finance Director Leuck and City Administrator Mardesen presented a budget summary for the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Conard/Gordon, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All Ayes - Motion Passed.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Development Agreement with Lumber Lofts, LLC, (BTS) including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Lewis/Lampe, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All Ayes - Motion Passed.

Public Hearing on the Disposition of Certain Real Property Situated Within the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Brockert/Conard, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: All Ayes - Motion Passed.

From the City Administrator:

Resolution to Approve Federal and State Transit 2026 Consolidated Funding Application. Lewis/ Gordon moved to Adopt the Resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution to Approve 2025 Annual Plan and Capital Fund Program and to Adopt the Muscatine Municipal Housing Agency's 2025-2029 5-Year Plan. Gordon/Lewis moved to adopt the Resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Approving Amendment #1 to the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the Record of Hearing and Adoption of Budget Amendment #1 in the form required by the Iowa Department of Management. Lampe/Jindrich moved to adopt the Resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Adopting the City of Muscatine Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026. Gordon/Conard moved to adopt the Resolution. Ayes: Brockert, Lewis, Conard, Lampe, Gordon. Nays: Jindrich and Osborne. Motion passed.

Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Lumber Lofts, LLC, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Brockert/Lampe moved to adopt the Resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Approving Disposition of City-Owned Property in the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area (910 E 2nd Street, Hawkeye Lumber Yard). Lewis/Lampe moved to adopt the Resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 4 of City Code to Mirror the State Historic Building Code. Osborn/Lewis moved to adopt the Ordinance. All ayes – motion passed.

Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 10, Chapter 26, Section 2 of City Code to Promote Residential Infill by Relaxing Side-Yard Setback Requirements for Certain Preexisting Very Narrow Residential Parcels. Brockert/Osborne moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance. All ayes – motion passed.

Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 4 and Title 8, Chapter 10, Section 2 of the City Building Code that Would Remove the Need for the Submission of Engineered Plans for Post-Framed Buildings that are Less 1,440 Square Feet in Size. Jindrich/Osborne moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve Waiving the Third Reading and Approving an Ordinance on Second and Final Reading Amending Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 10 of the City Code to Allow for the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at the MUSCO Sports Center. Conard/Jindrich moved to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Awarding Contract to D.W. Zinser, in the Amount of \$14,950.00, for the Demolition and/or Salvage of the Buildings Located at 911 East 2nd Street. Lewis/Gordon moved to adopt the resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Deeding Vacated Right of Way to an Adjacent Property Owner- 1719 Pearlview and 1715 Pearlview. Jindrich/Conard moved to adopt the resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Awarding a Contract for the West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6D to KE Flatwork of Eldridge, Iowa in the Amount of \$4,263,028.47. Gordon/Conard moved to adopt the resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Rehabilitation of Underground Pipes with Cured-in-Place Pipe-Liner to Visu-Sewer, LLC for an Amount Not to Exceed \$125,482.00. Brockert/Conard moved to adopt the resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Resolution Accepting Bid And Authorizing The Award Of Contract, Contingent Upon The Receipt And Execution Of Grant Agreement With The Federal Aviation Administration And Approving An Application For Federal Aviation Funding Assistance For The Snow Removal Acquisition Improvements Project At The Muscatine Municipal Airport. Lampe/Lewis moved to adopt the resolution. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to the Iowa DNR for the Purchase of a Disc Screener for the Compost Site. Brockert/Conard moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve Setting the Dates for the 2025 Free Tire and Electronics Drop Off Weeks at the Transfer Station. Lewis/Gordon moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve a Request From 76 Township Trustees To Expand The Muscatine Fire Department Ambulance Coverage For The Entire 76 Township. Gordon/Conard moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Enter Into a Five-Year Contract with Braun's Excavating, LLC., in the amount of \$41,760.00 a month, for the Operations at the Muscatine County Landfill. Brockert/Conard moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve Declaration of Items as Surplus, and Authorize Sale of Items at Public Surplus Auction. Gordon/Lewis moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$120,000.00, to Nutri-ject Systems, Inc. for the Cleaning of the Anaerobic Digesters at the Water and Resource Recovery Facility. Gordon/Brockert moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Request to Approve the FY26 Contract with the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine for \$27,500.00 to support the Community Grant Writer Position. Lewis/Gordon moved to approve the request. All ayes - motion passed.

Request to Approve Change Order Number 4 for the Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$10,667.90. Lewis/Gordon moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed

Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$98,874.93, to Donald Consulting from Muscatine, Iowa, for the MUSCO Sports Center Security Camera, PA and Network System. Gordon/Conard moved to approve the request. All ayes – motion passed.

Councilmember Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 PM.

