



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, July 3, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for July 3, 2025, to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **INVOCATION-Lt. Hesselring**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Nadine Brockert, John Jindrich, Jeff Osborne, Peggy Gordon, Angie Lewis, Don Lampe, Matt Conard.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND/OR AS AMENDED**

Councilmember Lewis requested Item 17A be moved to from the Mayor out of respect for the time of the Police and Fire Department members in attendance.

Councilmember Lewis requested items 11B, 17T be pulled from this agenda to be discussed at an in-depth on July 10, 2025.

Motion By Councilmember Lampe to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Gordon. Vote: All ayes, motion passed.

6. **FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Bark responded to an incident that occurred at the 2nd Avenue HyVee on June 30, 2025.

Mayor Bark responded to comments regarding a contract for animal control services.

Item 17 A: was presented at this time (See in regular sequence under from the City Administrator)

Mayor Bark swore in Michael Hartman as City of Muscatine Fire Chief.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS - CITIZENS**

Kirk Sears- 1914 Green Acres, Gina Oethmer - 1914 Green Acres, Kim Sears - 1914 Green Acres were present to share their concerns and disagreement with the connection of

Green Acres to Clarabeck Road. Their concerns consisted of safety, home value, traffic control, sidewalks etc.

8. COUNCILMEMBER FOLLOW UP TO CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Councilmember Brockert stated she would like to put a halt on the development and meet with all parties involved to come up with a plan that all can agree on.

City Administrator Mardesen reviewed the process involved in coming to the decision to connect the streets as proposed. Mr. Mardesen stated that Green Acres as it stands now is not safe for snow plows, garbage trucks or emergency vehicles to travel on. He states the City has worked on plan that they feel will control through traffic and would also reduce the safety issues with emergency vehicles, trash and snow removal vehicles. Councilmember Lewis responded in regards to kids walking in the streets or in residents yards.

Councilmember Osborne stated he would like to see discussions in order to find a solution that would work for all parties involved.

9. CONSENT AGENDA * (ITEMS 10-14)

Councilmember Don Lampe, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon, moved to approve the Consent Agenda including Items 10-14. Ayes - 7 , Nays - 0 , Motion Passed.

10. * REVIEW AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES

- A. June 5, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. June 19, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

11. * PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request to Approve a Road Closure on E. 11th Street for Water Main Repair
- B. Request Approval to Install Stop Signs at the Intersections of W. 2nd and Linn Street, W. 2nd and Spruce Street, W. 2nd and Locust Street, and E. 4th and Fairview Avenue.
- C. Request for renewal of a Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for Port City Underground, 208 West 2 nd Street – Lacey Hendersen-Mueller (pending inspections)
- D. Request for renewal of a Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for GeoJohnz, 203 East 2 nd Street – GeoJohnz, LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
- E. Request for Use of City Property from Muscatine Community School District to celebrate Muscatine's Hispanic Culture and Heritage to be held on September 27, 2025
- F. Glass and Metal Device Tobacco Permits for june 30, 2025
 - 1. The Crown Liquor & Smoke, 714 Grandview Avenue - Crown Retail 1 LLC

12. * COMMUNICATION – RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. June 16, 2025 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
- B. June 23, 2025 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

13. * PURCHASE ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Van Wall Equipment, in the Amount of \$13,490.00, for the Purchase of a new 2025 Turfco 1550 Top Dressing Machine.
- B. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Kay Park Recreation, in the amount of \$13,392.10, for the Purchase of 6 Sets of 3-row Bleachers for the Musco Sports Center.
- C. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Anthem Sports, LLC, in the Amount of \$7,701.38, for the purchase of (3) sets of Jaypro PVB-1350 3.5" Multi Purpose Net Systems for the Musco Sports Center.
- D. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$21,000.00, to Ed Morse Chevrolet for a 2025 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS.
- E. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$7445.00, to Karl Emergency Vehicles for Upfit to 2025 Chevy Trailblazer.

14. * APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. July 3, 2025 Bills for Approval

15. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing to Consider the Vacation, Surplus, and Deeding Over to the Adjoining Property Owner the Undeveloped Right of way of Roby Avenue Bisecting Parcels 1303456016, 1303456012, and 1303456005
There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Councilmember Don Lampe, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - None, Motion Passed.
- B. Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area
There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Councilmember John Jindrich, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - None, Motion Passed.

16. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

17. FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. Request to Approve Appointment of Fire Chief for the City of Muscatine Fire Department, Effective July 3, 2025. The swearing in of the Fire Chief will take place following approval.
This item was approved under from the Mayor.
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert moved to approve the request .
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance to Vacate and Deed Undeveloped Right of Way Between Parcel 1303456055, Parcel 1303456016, and Parcel 1303456012 on Roby Ave to the Adjoining Property Owner. (Public Hearing A)
Councilmember Angie Lewis, Seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- C. Resolution to Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area - (Public Hearing B)
Councilmember John Jindrich, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- D. First Reading of an Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Consolidated Muscatine Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, Seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- E. Request to Waive Third Reading and Approve Ordinance on 2nd Reading Amending Ordinance No. 91191-0410 Granting Interstate Power and Light Company (Alliant Energy), its Successors and Assigns, the Right and Franchise to Acquire, Construct, Erect, and Maintain and Operate a Natural Gas Distributions System in the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County, Iowa for the Purpose of Distributing, Supplying, and Selling Natural Gas to the City and its Inhabitants by Increasing the Franchise Fee to Five Percent (5%).
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, Seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe, moved to adopt the Ordinance on second and final reading. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- F. Request to Waive Third Reading and Approve on Second and Final Reading an Ordinance to Vacate and Deed Undeveloped Right of Way Bisecting Parcel

1303456014 on Roby Ave to the Adjoining Property Owner

Councilmember Peggy Gordon, Seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard, moved to adopt the ordinance on the second and final reading. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- G. Resolution Approving Execution of a Deed for the Vacated Undeveloped Roby Avenue Right of Way to the Adjoining Property Owner
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- H. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Muscatine, Iowa (An 9.25 Acres Area Located Between the Southern End of Clarabeck Lane and the Northern End of Green Acres Drive)
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, Seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe, moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- I. Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance, Adding Section 16 - Community Cats - Trap Neuter Release to Title 6, Chapter 8 of City Code.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, Seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to adopt the ordinance on third and final reading. Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 1 (Jindrich), Motion Passed.
- J. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for July 17, 2025, Regarding a Development Agreement with T&T Hackett Development Group, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- K. Resolution Awarding a Contract to Needham Excavating in the amount of \$183,480.00 for the Dredge Spoils Relocation Trenchless Pipe Installation
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember John Jindrich moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Councilmember Conard had questions regarding the need for the dredge site at this time that were addressed by City Administrator Mardesen and Public Works Director Stineman.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- L. Resolution to Approve Awarding A Contract To Behncke Construction, Inc, In The Amount of \$28,000.00, for The Slough Lift Station Upgrade Project.
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- M. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, in the Amount of \$109,188.00, to Compass Minerals for Road Salt.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember John Jindrich

moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- N. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Van Wall Equipment, in the amount of \$37,700.00, for the purchase of a 2025 John Deere Triplex Mower for the Golf Course.

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- O. Request to Approve the Greenwood Cemetery Retail Sales Agreement to Heritage Monuments of Iowa in the Amount of \$350.00 Per Memorial Marker Stone Sold With a Five-Year Agreement Period Being Proposed.

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- P. Request to Approve the Issuance of A Purchase Order To Ed Morse Automotive Group of Muscatine, in the amount of \$42,657.30, for A 1/2 Ton Pick-Up for Park Maintenance.

Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- Q. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Jabs Construction, in the amount of \$64,337.00, for the Purpose of Completing Lead Hazard Mitigation and Healthy Homes Repairs Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants

- R. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Interiors & More in the amount of \$42,510.00, for the Purpose of Completing Lead Hazard Mitigation and Healthy Homes Repairs Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- S. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Jabs Construction, in the amount of \$25,025.00, for the Purpose of Completing Lead Hazard Mitigation and Healthy Homes Repairs Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant

Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- T. Request to Issue Change Order Number 3 for the New Transit Washbay Facility in the Amount of \$77,770.50.

Pulled from agenda -

- U. Request for Approval of a Five-Year Concession Operations Agreement for the Musco Sports Center with Fresh Idea Foods Inc/ Vander Vending Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- V. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Stivers Ford, in the amount of \$130,000.00, for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Ford Interceptor Police Vehicles.

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- W. Request to Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Thomas Agran and Drew Etienne to Create Street Murals as Part of the Ignite Vitality: Mulberry Project Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Approve the Request.

Councilmember Conard had questions regarding what would be painted and who would approve it that was addressed by Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- X. Request To Approve The Issuance Of A Purchase Order To Riddell Roofing, Inc, In The Amount Of \$125,720.00, For The WRRF Maintenance Shop Roof Replacement.

Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request.

Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- Y. Request to Enter into an Agreement with TransUnion to provide TLOxp Online Search Services to the Muscatine Police Department

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- Z. Request to Approve an Agreement between the City of Muscatine and It Takes A Village Animal Rescue and Resources (ITAV) to support the City's provision of Animal Control Services for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert moved to Approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- AA. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, for an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00, to Stiver's Ford two (2) K9 Squad Vehicle Upfits

Councilmember Don Lampe, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- BB. Discussion Regarding the Continued Use of See Click Fix

Council discussed if using See Click fix is beneficial to City Staff and Council or if there are other more efficient options available.

18. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

19. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Gordon moved the meeting be adjourned at 07:37 PM.