



City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, August 7, 2025

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for August 7, 2025, to order at 06:00 PM.

2. **INVOCATION-Mayor Brad Bark**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **FROM THE MAYOR**

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

Councilmember Lampe requested items 13A and 13C be removed from the consent agenda and moved to their regular order on the agenda.

Councilmember Don Lampe, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes -7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS - CITIZENS**

Judith Lokenvitz, 1111 Sycamore Street, was present to share her concerns regarding the way the landscaping was left following work on Sycamore Street and stated it is unacceptable and would like it to be returned to the way it was prior to the work being done. Ms. Lokenvitz was also upset that she had contacted multiple employees regarding this issue and had not received a response.

Kirk Sears, 1914 Green Acres, was present to state the residents on Green Acres would still like a response from City Council regarding other options besides opening up their street as a through street for the Clarabeck subdivision.

8. COUNCILMEMBER FOLLOW UP TO CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Councilmember Osborne gave an apology for not responding to Mr. Lokenvits regarding Sycamore Street. Councilmember Jindrich stated that when he voted to approve the Clarabeck Subdivision that was his response regarding opening up the streets.

9. CONSENT AGENDA * (ITEMS 10-14)

Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended including Items 10-14. Ayes - 1, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

Item 13 A (pulled from Consent Agenda)

Councilmember Matt Conard, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to approve the request.

Councilmember Brockert asked if this was approved on the budget and was directed that it was by staff. Councilmember Lampe stated that items approved on the budget were not automatically approved for purchase. He stated he feels the money being spent on purchases for the Public Works Department Equipment could be used for other purposes that would better benefit the citizens. Councilmember Lampe stated that the Department has done without some of this equipment in the past and could continue to do so moving forward.

Councilmember Jindrich stated the work was done without the equipment last year and questioned why we needed it now.

Councilmember Conard stated if you don't replace old and failing equipment staff can't do the work and city services will not be performed.

Councilmember Osborne had questions regarding the cost of maintaining the older equipment to be able to use.

Vote; Ayes - 6, Nays - 1 (Jindrich) Motion passed.

Item 13 C (pulled from Consent Agenda)

Councilmember Matt Conard, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne, moved to approve the request.

Councilmember Gordon stated she is opposed to this purchase at this time and suggested waiting until after the next budget to see what the status of leaf pickup program will be moving forward. She stated it would be unnecessary to purchase this equipment if the leaf program were to be cut.

Councilmember Brockert agreed that this could be a program that would be cut to reduce budget.

Councilmember Conard had questions regarding the use of the leaf collection machine and if it could be used without the boxes that were addressed by Public Works Director Stineman. Mr. Stineman stated they could not use them without the old boxes, and it would be difficult to use current boxes as the panels are completely rusted.

Councilmember Jindrich stated he would not vote to remove the leaf program.

Mayor Bark asked Stineman what would happen to the storm sewers if the leaves were

not picked up and Mr. Stineman stated the leaves would clog up the storm sewers and would create more issues with flash flooding.

Vote: Ayes 6 - Nays - 1 (Gordon)

10. * REVIEW AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES

- A. July 17, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. July 21, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. July 28, 2025 Special City Council Meeting Minutes

11. * PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request for Street Closure on 5th Street from Orange to Oak Streets for Sewer Service Installation
- B. Request Street Closure on Baker Avenue from Oregon to Nebraska Streets for Water and Sewer Connection Work.
- C. Request for Use of City Property from Dell Wagner with the Annual Watermelon Stampede for a 5K and 10K race to be held on August 16, 2025
- D. Request for Use of City Property from Megan Francis with Crossroads for the Winter Light Display fundraiser to be held from November 28, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in Weed Park
- E. Request for Use of City Property from Megan Francis with Crossroads for the Annual FestivALL fundraiser to be held on September 20, 2025
- F. Request for Use of City Property from Dena Ferreira with Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce of Commerce & Industry for 2 events, 1) 250 Years of Armed Forces Services, 9/11 Muscatine Tribute to be held on September 11, 2025 and 2) LST 325, Landing Ship Tank Museum on the Water will be held from September 10, 2025 through September 15, 2025
- G. Liquor License and Permits
 - 1. Request on second reading on a Class "C" Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service for Happy Joe's, 203 Lake Park Blvd. – MC2 Entertainment LLC (pending inspections)
 - 2. Request on second reading on a Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for Happy Joe's, 927 Grandview Avenue – MC2 Entertainment LLC (pending inspections)
 - 3. Request on first and second reading on a Special Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for Mamma Mia, 101 West Mississippi Drive – Mamma Mia Italian Restaurant, LLC (pending inspections)

4. Request on first reading on a Class “C” Retail Alcohol License and Outdoor Service for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue – Miss Brew LLC (pending inspections and insurance)

5. Request for renewal of a Special Class “C” Retail Alcohol License for Hampton Inn Muscatine, 3303 North Port Drive – Sajni Lodging Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)

6. Request for Outdoor Service for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue from August 22, 2025 through August 24, 2025 – R & D Operations (pending inspections)

7. Request for Outdoor Service for Krave Bar & Grill, 810 Park Avenue for August 14, 2025 – Williamsondm LLC (pending inspections)

12. * COMMUNICATION – RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. June 24, 2025 Board of Water, Electric and Communications Trustees Meeting Minutes
- B. July 14, 2025 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
- C. July 21, 2025 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
- D. July 28, 2025 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

13. * PURCHASE ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS

- A. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Bonnell Industries Inc., in the Amount of \$14,681.33, for a Rear Cross Conveyor for the Streets Department.
- B. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Play-Pro Recreation LLC, in the Amount of \$20,687.00, for the Purchase of Replacement Playground Equipment at Musser Park.
- C. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to MacQueen Equipment, in the Amount of \$23,402.00, for the Purchase of Two Titan Containment Leaf Boxes.
- D. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, in the Amount of \$17,372.00, to Crawford Company for the purchase and installation of four hydrants.

14. * APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. August 7, 2025 Bills for Approval

15. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing on a Proposed Development Agreement with Carver Pump Company
Carver Representatives Megan Randall and Michael Myers were present to share information about the proposed project.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert, 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. Resolution Approving Development Agreement with Carver Pump Company, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement (Public Hearing A)
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Adopt the Resolution. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- B. Resolution to Fix a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Annual Appropriation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to Borrow Money Thereunder in a Principal Amount not to Exceed \$5,200,000.00.
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Adopt the Resolution. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- C. Resolution Awarding A Contract to Hy Brand Industrial Contractors In The Amount Of \$30,274.00 For The Slough Lift Station Upgrade Project.
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert moved to Adopt the Resolution. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- D. Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Grant Contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority for CDBG-CV Funds
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Don Lampe moved to Adopt the Resolution. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- E. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Martin Equipment, in the Amount of \$158,148.08, for an Articulating Wheel Loader for the Streets Department.
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne moved to Approve the Request. Council had questions regarding the ability to provide City services without this equipment. Public Works Director Stineman stated the old 30 year old piece of equipment broke down during the flood 2 years ago and the staff has had to work without it since then and it takes a

substantial amount of extra time without it.

Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 1(Lampe), Motion Passed.

- F. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to MacQueen Equipment, in the Amount of \$102,217.00, for the Purchase of a Titan Pro Plus Leaf Vacuum for the Streets Department.

Councilmember Matt Conard, seconded by Councilmember John Jindrich moved to Approve the Request. Councilmember Gordon suggested postponing this purchase until after budget meetings when the status of the leaf program is known. Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 2(Gordon, Lampe), Motion passed.

- G. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Martin Equipment, in the Amount of \$28,614.64, for a John Deere CP24G Cold Planer for the Streets Department.

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

- H. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order, in the Amount of \$121,619.00, to Truck Country Quad Cities for the Purchase of a 60,000 GVW Tandem Cab/Chassis for the Streets Department.

Councilmember None, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Approve the Request. Councilmember Brockert stated the staff needs safe equipment to operate. Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 1(Lampe), Motion Passed.

- I. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$197,960.00 to Henderson Products for the Purchase of a Snow Package for a 60,000 GVW Truck for the Streets Department.

Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Approve the Request. Council had questions regarding how this equipment would be used that was addressed by Public Works Director Brian Stineman. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

- J. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Charles Machine Works Ditch Witch Division, in the Amount of \$82,308.72, for a Hydro-Excavator for the Streets Department.

Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to approve the request. Councilmember Osborn stated this is a very valuable piece of equipment for staff when digging around pipes. Councilmember Jindrich stated that staff have been digging holes for years. Why do they need this equipment? Councilmember Lampe stated this is too much money to spend on a piece of equipment in the budget situation. Councilmember Brockert stated it is a safety issue and will save money on employee injuries. Councilmember Gordon stated it is a matter of safety, speed and accuracy and that staff should not be digging holes by hand. Councilmember Lewis asked how often this piece of equipment would be used and Director Stineman stated at least once per work if not more.

Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 2 (Lampe, Jindrich), Motion Passed.

- K. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Ostrom Painting & Sandblasting Inc., in the Amount of \$59,884.04, for 2025 Reflectorized Traffic Markings for Streets, Arrows, and Railroad Crossings.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert, moved to approve the Request. Councilmember Lewis requested that the City Administrator meet with the railroad to request they fund the painting of the markings. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- L. Request to Approve the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Four Degree Trailer Company, in the Amount of \$27,027.00, for a Drop Deck Trailer.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 2, Motion Passed.
- M. Request to Approve Lease Agreement with Xerox Corporation for a New Copier/Printer/Scanner for the Finance Department
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert moved to Approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
- N. Request to Revise Authorized Park Department Budgeted Capital Projects – Proposed Budget Additions for FY 2025/2026
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Approve the Request. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

18. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers stated that the Triathlon and National Night out were both very successful and thanked all the staff and volunteers that worked to put the events into motion. City Administrator Mardesen gave a shout out to the Public Works Department for all the hard work during the storm events and extra hours worked to clean up flooding. Councilmember Lewis requested that that item tabled regarding the Transit WashBay be brought back to the August 21st meeting for review pending information regarding alternative options.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lampe moved the meeting be adjourned at 07:18 PM.