

City of Muscatine, Regular meeting Minutes, November 4, 2025

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for November 4, 2025, to order at 05:30 PM.

Pam Saturnia was present to give the invocation.

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

From the mayor:

Conard/Lewis moved to approve a request to approve appointments to the Following Boards and Commissions: Historic Preservation Commission - Pat Carver, Art Center Board of Trustees - Mark Butterworth, Public Art Commission - Jesse Garcia, Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Motion .

City Administrator Mardesen pulled the closed session meeting from the agenda. Lampe/Gordon moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes -6, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

Communication Citizens: Ralph Burr 3015 Allen Street was present to share concerns with the lift Station at Houser and Dawson Streets and the ability for it to handle all of the stormwater when there is a major rain. Mr. Burr states this is causing his sewer to back up in his basement.

Council requested Mr. Burr share any documentation he has regarding the sewer issue with the City Administrator, and it will be reviewed.

Lewis/Osborne, moved to approve the Consent Agenda including: October 21, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes, October 13 and 20 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes, Professional services agreement with Calhoun-Burns & Associates and November 4, 2025 Bills. Ayes - 6 , Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

From the City Administrator:

Osborne/Lampe moved to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Heuer Construction Inc, in the Amount of \$571,516.20, for the Muscatine Marina CDF (Confined Disposal Facility) Relocation Project. All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Lewis moved to adopt a resolution accepting completed work by Visu-Sewer, LLC for the Rehabilitation of Underground Pipe with Cured-In-Place-Liner Project and Authorizing Release of Retainage in the Amount of \$6,277.20. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Gordon moved to adopt a resolution relating to financing of certain proposed projects to be undertaken by the City; Establishing Compliance with Reimbursement Bond Regulations under the Internal Revenue Code. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Gordon moved to approve a request for a lease agreement with Marco Technologies for a New Copier/Printer/Scanner for the Public Works Department. All ayes, motion passed.

Brockert/Osborne moved to approve a request for the issuance of a purchase order to Armor Equipment, in the Amount of \$583,708.76, for a New ECO Combination Sewer Cleaner. All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Osborne moved to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. All ayes, motion passed.

Brockert/Osborned moved to approve an Updated Hazardous Materials Response Fee Schedule. All ayes, motion passed.

Update and Discussion on Downtown Parking Options

City Administrator Mardesen gave an update on information gathered regarding proposed options to remove parking meters in the downtown area. Mr. Mardesen stated the city could request a stay on parking codes and allow for 2 hours of free parking in all of downtown during the Holiday Season which would give the city more information regarding what it would look like financially if the meters were removed from the downtown. Council consented to move forward with a stay on parking from November 19 - January 2. This will be brought to Council for approval at the November 18th City Council meeting.

Staff, Council, Administration updates:

Jon Koch gave an update on the WPCP.

Melanie Alexander gave an update on the Art Center.

Councilmember Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M.