

City of Muscatine, City Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2025 5:30 PM – City Hall

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for November 18, 2025, to order at 05:30 PM.

Raye Oehme was present to give the invocation.

Councilmembers Present: Brockert (Virtually) dropped out of the meeting after the Public Hearing and did not return; Jindrich, Osborne(virtually), Gordon, Lewis, Lampe, Conard (Virtually).

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

From the Mayor

Junior Achievement Biz Town Mayor Recognitions:

Santiago Chavez representing Jefferson and Franklin Schools

Jacqueline Fillmore representing McKinley and Mulberry Schools

Lily Booker representing Madison and Grant Schools

Don Lampe/, Angie Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes motion passed.

Lewis/Osborne moved to approve the Consent Agenda to include: November 4, 2025 City Council Minutes, Request for Road Closure on Mulberry Ave, Liquor License (Contrary Brewing, Hubbles, New York Dollar Store, and Headquarters), Misc. Receive and File Docs, and bills totaling \$2,886,399.54. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing on West Hill Phase 6E - Discussion of Potential Environmental Impacts.

There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing.

Gordon/Lampe moved for the public hearing to be closed. All ayes, motion passed.

From the City Administrator:

Lewis/Osborne moved to adopt a resolution approving contract and bond with Geograph Industries for Wayfinding Sign fabrication and installation in the amount of \$266,708.00. All ayes, motion passed.

Jindrich/Gordon moved to adopt a resolution approving a contract and bond with Heuer Construction in the amount of \$571,516.20, for the Muscatine Marina CDF Relocation Project. All ayes, motion passed.

Jindrich/Lewis moved to adopt a resolution authorizing special assessments for unpaid abatement service fees and rental housing fees to private properties. All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Osborne moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the internal advance of funds for an economic development grant to Lumber Lofts, LLC. All ayes, motion passed.

Lampe/Osborne moved to approve a contract with North Construction, not to exceed \$24,999.00, for improvements at 501 Oak Street as part of Ignite Vitality: Mulberry Project. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Gordon moved to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Van Wall Equipment, in the amount of \$38,250, for the purchase of a 2025 John Deere 4066 tractor for the Soccer Complex. All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Osborne moved to approve a request to approve 2-hour free parking once per day in Downtown Muscatine from November 19, 2025-January 3, 2026. Council had questions regarding the clarification of the free parking times that were addressed by City Administrator Mardesen. All ayes, motion passed.

Fire Chief Harman gave an update on the Fire Department.

Parks and Recreation Director Klimes gave an update on the Parks Department.

Other Business

Gordon/Lampe moved to approve a Request to enter Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.j to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. All ayes, motion passed.

Councilmember Brockert returned to the meeting virtually at this time.

There was discussion regarding the matter for the closed session.

Gordon/Lewis moved to exit closed session. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

Councilmember Lampe motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Submitted by:

City Clerk, Cinda Hilger

Attest:

Mayor, Brad Bark