

City of Muscatine, Tuesday March 3, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes – City Hall

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for March 3, 2026, to order at 05:30 PM with Jeff Jirak present to give the invocation.

Present: Brockert, Jindrich, Osborne, Gordon, Lewis, Lampe, Conard.  
The pledge of allegiance was led by the Mayor.

Mayor Bark read a statement regarding the budget process and recent events regarding comments regarding parking meters, budget decisions and clarification of events during the last council meeting. Fire Chief Mike Hartman spoke regarding the status of the Fire Department and decisions not to fill 2 positions at the current time and shared information regarding how the department, staff and the union were working diligently together to rectify the situation as soon as possible. Union Representative Nate Paxston shared the union's position on the current situation and thanked staff and council for working together to move forward working through the issues.

Assistant City Administrator Tony Kies requested items 17 A and 17 B be removed from the agenda and be put on the following Council Meeting Agenda. Gordon/, Lampe moved to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion passed.

Communication Citizens:

The following citizens spoke to council in favor of the firefighters and encouraged City Council to fully staff the fire department. Ben Eversmeyer 1737 Devitt Ave, Josh Rudolph 1304 Iowa Ave, William Havel 5410 67th Ave, Cynthia Phillips 2829 Highland Ct, Tom Elshoff 4 Marion Drive, Rochelle Bonebrake 1778 N. Isett Ave, Marci Rominger 911 Sycamore St, Tammy Rominger 1412 New Hampshire St and Jason Griffey 1909 Wallace Street. Jason Dornbusch, 312 Iowa Avenue was present to request City Council to reconsider funding for the MCSA Homeless Program.

Councilmember Followup:

Councilmember Osborne thanked residents for coming to the meeting.

Lewis/Gordon moved to approve the Consent Agenda including City Council Minutes (Feb 10 and 17, 2026), Property Tax abatement application for 602 Aspen Trail, Liquor Licenses (Dollar General #21855, HyVee Food Store, Pete's Tap, Boonies on the Avenue, Rendezvous Banquet Facility), Receive and File docs (Library Board meeting Jan 21, 2026, Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting minutes Feb 9 and 16, 2026, January 2026 MPW Financials) Purchase orders to (Tarheel Canine Training, Inc, Elliott Equipment, Rehrig Pacific and Hotsy of Princeton) Bills for March 3, 2026 totaling \$747,645.64.

Public Hearings:

Vacation of surplus property and deeding said property to adjoining property owner - 301 W. 11th Street. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Brockert/Lewis moved for the public hearing to be closed. All ayes, motion passed.

Proposal to enter into an Essential Purpose Loan Agreement. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Lampe/Gordon, moved for the public hearing to be closed. All ayes, motion passed.

Proposal to enter into a General-Purpose Loan Agreement. There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Brockert/Lewis, moved for the public hearing to be closed. All ayes motion passed.

From the City Administrator:

Gordon/Lamped moved to approve the First reading of an Ordinance to vacate, surplus, and deed the undeveloped Fuller Street right of way to the adjoining property owner located at 301 W 11th Street. All ayes, motion passed.

Conard/Brockert moved to adopt a Resolution taking additional action on the proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements, combining loan agreements, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2026A. All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Lewis moved to adopt a Resolution amending City Code Appendix D – establishing a flat fee for building permits for roofing and siding projects. Ayes – 6, Nays – 1(Jindrich), motion passed.

Lampe/Gordon moved to adopt a Resolution awarding a contract to Sulzco, LLC in the amount of \$11,850 for the demolition of a structure at 539 Hagerman Drive. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Lampe moved to adopt a Resolution setting a public hearing on April 7, 2026, regarding amendments to Chapter 5 Title 3 and Chapter 4 of Title 7 of City Code, to establish regulations for the use of electric bikes and other similar devices. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Gordon moved to adopt a Resolution setting a public hearing on April 7, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers for the City of Muscatine Transit (Muscabus) Annual Application for State and Federal Transit Funds Through the Consolidated Funding Application. All ayes, motion passed.

Brockert/Lewis moved to approve a Request to make the East Side of Bond Street a no parking area between Evans Street and the Taylor Park Trail Head. All ayes, motion passed.

Lewis/Gordon moved to approve Change Order Number 1 to the West Hill Sewer Separation Project Phase 6D in the Amount of \$89,180.80. All ayes, motion passed.

Jindrich/Lampe moved to approve a Request to issue a purchase order to Muscatine Power and Water in the amount of \$30,000.00 for work on the Muscatine CDF Relocation Project (Dredge Spoils Relocation). All ayes, motion passed.

Gordon/Request to issue a purchase order to Muscatine Power and Water in the amount of \$165,000.00 for electrical work on the Carver Corner Roundabout Project. All Ayes, motion passed.

Brockert/Lewis moved to approve the transfer of Legal services from Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. to Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin, P.L.C effective March 1, 2026. All ayes, motion passed.

City councilmembers shared their appreciation for all the firefighters, families and residents that came to the meeting in support of the fire department. Councilmembers shared that they too are in favor of fully staffing the fire department and that the process is underway to make that happen but it takes time. Council shared information where residents can get official information on the city website as

opposed to reading what is on social media. Councilmembers stated they are available to residents to answer questions and meeting with them and encouraged residents to call them with any questions or concerns.

Councilmember Lewis moved the meeting be adjourned at 06:42 PM.

Submitted:

Attest:

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Cinda Hilger, City Clerk

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Brad Bark, Mayor

CITY OF MUSCATINE, BILLS FOR APPROVAL,3/3/2026, General Fund, Accurate Installations Llc 1 refund \$389.00, Adva Holdings Llc 1 services \$1,708.20, Advanced Radiology S.C 3 services \$825.45, Alliant Energy 11 utilities \$26,674.22, Amazon.Com 15 supplies \$1,625.11, Arnold Motor Supply 8 parts \$485.81, Cardiovascular Medicine Pc 6 services \$755.79, Carquest Of Muscatine 3 parts \$198.48, Centurylink 1 phones \$93.00, City Of New Albin 1 refund \$10.61, Clearly 1 phones \$266.01, Cr Landscaping 1 equipment \$230.00, Crossroads Inc. 1 services \$22.66, Davenport Main Library 1 refund \$7.00, Discount School Supply 1 equipment \$379.94, Drj Group, Llc 1 equipment \$280.00, Dsi Medical Services Inc 13 services \$1,684.50, Equian Llc 3 services \$176.73, Fastenal Company 3 parts \$275.62, Fire Service Training Bureau 1 services \$25.00, Genesis Health System-Occ Hlth 2 service \$80.00, Hd Supply Facilities Maint 3 supplies \$1,358.50, Iowa Narcotics Officers Association 1 services \$1,500.00, John Wulf'S Septic Tank Service Llc 1 services \$650.00, Kelly Heating Cooling & Plbg 2 services \$484.90, Law Offices Of Hopkins & Hubner, P.C. 3 services \$2,822.50, Lupton & Toyne Printers 1 supplies \$80.00, Marco 1 services \$146.28, Menards (Musc) 28 supplies \$1,031.24, Muscatine Power & Water 12 utilities \$2,572.75, Muscatine Symphony Orchestra Assoc 1 supplies \$400.00, Nu-Trend Accessibility Systems, Inc 1 services \$530.00, Ora Orthopedics Pc 3 services \$531.96, Panther Uniforms Inc 2 uniforms \$124.80, Petersen Plumbing & Heatning Co 1 services \$50.00, Phelps Custom Image Wear 2 uniforms \$280.68, Phelps The Uniform Specialists 6 services \$186.32, Plumb Supply Company 4 supplies \$35.35, Point & Pay Llc 1 equipment \$15.00, Reliant Fire Apparatus 2 parts \$338.20, Rexco Equipment Inc 11 parts \$3,117.80, River Stone Group 2 supplies \$2,159.15, Rock Valley Physical Therapy Center 7 services \$1,253.00, Schumacher Elevator Company 1 services \$256.00, Sherwin Williams 3 supplies \$136.61, Sigourney Tractor & Implement Llc 15 parts \$178.18, Sycamore Printing Inc 2 services \$297.62, Tmesys Llc 6 services \$2,206.08, United Rentals (Musc) 1 services \$423.58, Unity Healthcare 1 services \$11,387.80, Unity Point Health Trinity Muscatine Occupational 4 services \$668.00, Unitypoint Health At Work 7 services \$600.00, Van Meter Industrial Inc 3 supplies \$97.71, Van Wall Equipment Inc. 1 part \$505.36, Verizon Wireless 1 phones \$40.01, Wendling Quarries Inc 2 supplies \$4,572.26, Winsor Consulting Group Llc 1 services \$517.50,Anthony Tatman 1 services \$350.00,David O'Connor 1 reimbursement \$3,090.00,Dustin Bartels 1 reimbursement \$36.51,Krista Finley 1 reimbursement \$17.00,Nick Needham 1 reimbursement \$100.00,Tara Dusenberry 1 reimbursement \$75.00,Timothy Long 1 reimbursement \$135.00,Travis Hawkins 1 equipment \$7,028.21,Grand Total \$88,579.99,,Trust

Agency Funds, Amazon 2 Supplies \$174.98, Grand Total \$174.98,, Capital Project Funds, American Track Llc 1 services 13824, Bolton & Menk Inc 2 services 26145.5, Hdr Engineering, Inc 1 services 51579.94, Heritage Monuments Of Iowa 1 equipment 9500, Manatts Inc. 1 services 30000, Martin & Whitacre Surveyors & Engineers Inc 1 services 2000, Prosource Technologies Llc 1 services 16991.97, Stanley Consultants Inc 1 services 14239.5, Yeadon Fabric Domes Llc 1 equipment 28471, Travis Hawkins 3 services 15411.28, Grand Total 208163.19,, Enterprise Utility Funds, 3B Medical 1 equipment \$342.65, A Tech/Freeman Alarm 2 equipment \$720.27, Alliant Energy 7 utilities \$21,065.45, Amazon.Com 23 supplies \$2,227.45, Aquatic Informatics Inc 1 services \$201.60, Arnold Motor Supply 4 supplies \$172.68, Bound Tree Medical Llc 4 supplies \$847.78, Brand New Engines 1 equipment \$91.77, Courtesy Ford 13 services \$14,790.38, Crawford Company Inc 1 services \$999.33, Dell Marketing L.P. 1 equipment \$920.63, Dsi Medical Services Inc 6 services \$600.00, Eastern Ia Community College 1 services \$400.00, Eastern Iowa Light & Power Co 3 utilities \$866.99, Electric Pump 2 parts \$4,420.00, Ems Learning Resource Center 1 supplies \$25.50, Esco Automation 1 services \$3,287.00, Feld Fire 1 parts \$220.00, Gordon Flesch Company 1 services \$55.40, Grainger Dept 802675066 3 parts \$240.66, Hector Osorio 1 reimbursement \$20.00, Jet Air Inc 1 services \$3,875.00, Jim Elwood Implement Inc 1 parts \$71.15, John Peniston 1 reimbursement \$15.00, Kellor & Kellor Landscape Inc 1 services \$5,680.00, Law Offices Of Hopkins & Hubner, P.C. 2 services \$585.00, Life-Assist 4 supplies \$512.69, Lupton & Toyne Printers 2 supplies \$160.00, Matthew Hickenbottom 1 reimbursement \$75.00, Menards (Musc) 12 supplies \$567.11, Michael Weikert Jr 1 services \$510.00, Microbac Laboratories Inc 1 services \$2,059.10, Midland Scientific Inc 5 supplies \$513.27, Muscatine Power & Water 44 utilities \$48,489.74, Pcc Inc 2 services \$9,593.31, Phelps Custom Image Wear 6 uniforms \$233.20, Phelps The Uniform Specialists 3 services \$352.49, Republic Services Of Iowa Llc Republic Services Inc 1 services \$35,967.26, Riddell Roofing 1 services \$750.00, Safety Vision Llc 1 services \$1,728.00, Sign Works Of Muscatine Llc 1 equipment \$96.00, Sigourney Tractor & Implement Llc 3 parts \$118.44, Stearns, Conrad And Schmidt Consulting Engineers I 1 services \$3,090.00, Tcs 1 services \$1,821.30, Team Staffing Solutions Inc 1 services \$189.80, Teleflex Llc 1 equipment \$665.00, Triple B Construction 1 services \$8,250.00, United Rentals (Musc) 1 equipment \$500.00, University Of Iowa 1 services \$416.66, Usga 1 registration \$175.00, Van Meter Industrial Inc 2 parts \$341.81, Verizon Wireless 2 phones \$338.26, Zimmer & Francescon Inc 1 parts \$3,900.00, Grand Total \$184,155.13,, Internal Service Funds, A-1 Quality Tire & Car Care 4 parts \$1,062.68, Amazon.Com 2 supplies \$282.74, Arnold Motor Supply 10 supplies \$359.61, Bettendorf Public Library 1 reimbursement \$15.00, Blick & Blick Oil Inc 2 supplies \$15,547.41, Eastern Iowa Tire Inc 1 parts \$1,719.50, Emag Muscatine Cbg Llc 1 parts \$99.53, Emag Muscatine Fd Llc 1 parts \$232.73, Lamco Slings & Riggings 1 equipment \$120.00, Muscatine Power & Water 2 utilities \$194.52, Parts Authority 2 parts \$333.48, Reeves Battery Sales 1 parts \$220.00, Scott County Rivershare Libraries 1 reimbursement \$24.00, Shur Co 2 equipment \$998.66, Snap-On Industrail 1 equipment \$689.30, Truck And Auto Repair 1 services \$321.00, Truck Country Of Iowa 1 services \$421.20, \$22,641.36,, Special Revenue Funds, Amazon.Com 7 Supplies \$2,922.75, Dell Marketing L.P. 1 Equipment \$7,381.27, Jack Harris 1 services \$1,250.00, Mti Distributing Inc 3 services \$17,537.60, \$29,091.62,, Housing Funds, Aj Magnus Home 1 Rent \$724.00, Alliant Energy 1 utilities \$4,540.76, Amazon.Com 7 supplies \$538.16, City Of Muscatine 2 services \$502.32, City Of Muscatine Housing Revolving Fund 40 services \$25,401.15, Colorado Senior Lofts Llc 1 rent \$266.00, Cps Hr Consulting 1 services \$95.00, Electrical Engineering And Equipment Company 1 services \$600.00, Hd Supply Facilities Maint 3 parts \$226.39, Mark A Diercks 1 equipment \$240.00, Menards (Musc) 3 supplies \$464.40, Muscatine Power & Water 15 utilities \$7,112.14, Pdq Supply Inc 1 parts \$28.77, Propio Ls Llc 2

services \$10.68,Rcn Llc 1 rent \$562.00,Sherwin Williams 2 supplies \$903.60,Thomas L Spann Jr & Sonya Colbert-Spann 24 services \$4,249.00, \$46,464.37,,Computer Bill List,Regular Bills \$579,270.64,Special Ck Run operating 2,375.00, subtotal 581,645.64,,ACH Debit Memo Payments,Wellmark Insurance Health Dental Feb 83,000.00,Wellmark Insurance Health Dental Feb 83,000.00, Subtotal 166,000.00,, Total Expenditures 747,645.64,,Special Checks Tony Sosa 2,375.00