

City of Muscatine, City Council Meeting Minutes – July 14, ,2026 – City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for July 14, 2026, to order at 05:30 PM.

Councilmembers Present: Brockert, Jindrich, Osborne, Gordon, Lewis, Lampe, Conard (Virtual)

Presentation by HDR Engineering Inc. on Isett Avenue—Cypress Street Reconstruction

Public Hearings on Appeals:

City Attorney Kylie Franklin stated the purpose of the appeal hearings and the process of how the hearings would be handled. She stated each address would be considered separately and each property owner would have an opportunity to share information on why they are appealing the notice to vacate the premise. She stated this is an evidentiary hearing and there will be no deliberation or decisions at tonight meeting but will be brought back at the July 21, 2026 regular council meeting.

Nick Morgon - Community Development, presented on the City's behalf, stating that two structural engineers found the north side of the 200 block of East 2nd Street unsafe to occupy due to structural damage and concerns with shared walls between the buildings.

Muscatine Downtown Investors - 209 E. 2nd Street, 211 E. 2nd Street, 221 E. 2nd Street and 223 E. 2nd Street. -Did not show for hearing, no comments made

Matt McFadden 227 E. 2nd Street

Mr. McFadden stated in his opinion had the original demolition been done properly none of the current issues would be happening. He stated that his building could stand alone and be safe to occupy because he does not share walls with the neighboring buildings. Mr. McFadden stated that his basement is not perfect but does not have the issues that were listed on the generic form that all property owners received on June 19, 2026. Mr. McFadden also stated no structural engineer had entered his building for inspection as stated on the letter he received.

Samantha Kaufmann 229 E. 2nd Street

Samantha Kaufmann stated it has been three and a half weeks since the notices were received and the property owners still have not received any written reports from the City or Engineers stating the exact reasons each building is deemed unsafe to occupy.

Terry Mowl 219 E. 2nd Street

Mr. Mowl stated he had lived in his building for the last 35 years and that there was no inspection done prior to him being told he had to get out of his building. Mr. Mowl stated he wants proof of the inspections and answers from the city.

K & R LLC - Kevin Phillips 217 E. 2nd Street

Mr. Phillips stated the City needs to produce the documents in order for the property owners to turn them in to their insurance companies.

James Sichterman 207 E. 2nd Street

- Did not show for hearing, no comments

Gordon motioned to adjourn at 6:58 pm.