City of Muscatine

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Bark called the City Council meeting for September 1, 2026, to order at 05:30 PM.

2. **INVOCATION-Pam Saturnia, First Presbyterian Church**

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**
   Peggy Gordon/ Jeff Osborne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes -7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS - CITIZENS**
   Charles Larson, 1804 Briarwood Lane was present to share his concerns regarding the conditions of the city streets as well as his concerns with the intersection of University Drive and Hwy 61.

   Public Works Director Steve Snider shared information regarding upcoming road closures on Sunrise Lane and Roscoe for road work.

8. **COUNCILMEMBER FOLLOW UP TO CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**
   Council responded to Mr. Larson by stating that the city has a process for evaluating the streets to be repaired in order to use the funding available in the best manner. Council member Conard stated that a lot of the funds are now being used for the required sewer separation project. Council stated that in order for any changes to be made at University and 61, the State would have to be involved.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA * (ITEMS 10-14)**

Councilmember Don Lampe, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis, moved to approve the Consent Agenda including Items 10-14. Ayes - 7 , Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

10. *** REVIEW AND POTENTIAL VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES**

A. August 18, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

11. *** PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Request for alley closure at 408 E 2nd Street from Walnut Street to the library parking lot drive

B. Alcohol License:
Request to approve on first and second reading on a new Class "C" Retail Alcohol Permit for Kimberly M. Dayton - Mobile Sips - Pearl City Vintage Market
Request to approve renewal of Class "C" Retail Alcohol Permit for Caseys #4025 - 4701 S. Hwy 61, Muscatine - Caseys Marketing Company

C. Request to approve a Public Assembly/Parade Permit for The Elim Arrival on Sunday September 27, 2026

12. *** COMMUNICATION – RECEIVE AND FILE**

A. August 10, 2026 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

B. August 17, 2026 Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

C. July 2026 MPW Financial Statements

13. *** PURCHASE ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS**

A. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Midwest Turf and Irrigation, in the amount of $20,940.00 for the replacement of two motors for the irrigation pumps at the golf course

B. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Top Choice Construction, in the amount of $6,521.14 for the painting of the precast walls at South Fire Station

14. *** APPROVAL OF BILLS**

A. It is recommended bills totaling $1,288,647.50, be approved and that the City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. It should be noted that this listing is subject to the approval of any related agenda item(s).

15. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public hearing on a proposal to enter into a General Obligation Annual Appropriation Sewer Improvement Loan and Disbursement Agreement
There were no written or oral comments regarding this public hearing. Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert, moved for the public hearing to be closed. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - None, Motion Passed.

16. FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

A. Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement, providing for the issuance of $8,295,000.00 General Obligation Annual Appropriation Sewer Improvement Bonds, Series 2026 and providing for the levy of taxes (subject to non-appropriation) to pay the same
Councilmember Jeff Osborne, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Adopt the Resolution. Councilmember Osborne stated that this project was mandatory and that it is ahead of schedule and should be completed in 2028. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

B. Resolution accepting completed work performed by Hy-Brand Industrial Contractors, Ltd for the Mississippi Mist Spray Pad Improvement Project and authorizing final payment of $19,967.62, including the 5% retainage
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert, moved to adopt the Resolution. During discussion, Councilmember Jindrich inquired about the wind speed threshold that restricts fountain operation and requested adjustments to maximize its runtime. Parks and Recreation Director Nick Gow stated he would investigate modifying the settings.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

C. Resolution authorizing the execution of several special warranty deeds to said described real estate located at 1815 Schley Ave, 2003 Breese Ave, 1805 Bryan Ave, 1114 Nebraska St, 1717 Bryan Ave, and Parcel ID 0825154030 to Muscatine County Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Councilmember Lampe recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

D. Resolution setting a public hearing on September 15, 2026, for the review of the plans and specifications for the Carver Corner Roundabout Project
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

E. Resolution setting a public hearing on September 15, 2026, for review of amendments to Title 13, Chapter 3 of the City Code regarding Garbage and Recycling Collection
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Matt Conard moved to Adopt the Resolution.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

F. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Riddell Roofing, Inc. in the amount of $114,435.00, for the WPCP Operations Roof Replacement
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request. Councilmember Gordon requested a timeline of the project. WPCP Director stated there is no start date defined at this time but it is expected to be completed prior to winter. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

G. Request to renew a 3-year contract with RecDesk LLC for recreation management software for the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual cost of $8,715.00
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to Approve the Request.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

H. Request to approve change order number three (3) for the Muscatine CDF Relocation Project to Heuer Construction, Inc. for the amount of $34,279.08
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Jeff Osborne moved to Approve the Request.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

I. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Taylor Ridge Paving and Construction, in the amount of $174,804.75 for the Cart Path Overlay Project.
Councilmember Nadine Brockert, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to approve the Request. Councilmember Gordon thanked the staff for getting this project moving forward and clarified that the funds for this project were coming from the golf course enterprise funds, not the City General Fund. Councilmember Lampe had questions regarding the life expectancy of the asphalt overlay that Director Gow stated he would look into.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

J. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Wolfe Contracting, in the amount of $51,010 for siding and windows for the South Fire Station
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Approve the Request.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

K. Request to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Top Choice Construction, in the amount of $91,380.08 for painting and storm window repair for the Muscatine Art Center.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Nadine Brockert

moved to Approve the Request.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

L. Request to approve a change order for the Clark House fire alarm system in an amount not to exceed $161,400
Councilmember Angie Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Peggy Gordon moved to Approve the Request.
Councilmember Brockert stated this project was funded by a Grant and not City funds.
Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.

17. STAFF, COUNCIL AND MAYOR REPORTS

Councilmembers shared information regarding upcoming events.
Councilmember Brockert shared she had received resident complaints regarding tightening the firework restrictions and that she will be bringing that request forward.
Councilmember Jindrich shared information regarding the upcoming City Deer hunt.
Chief Kies gave a shutout to the public works roadway crew for their help during recent critical events.
City Administrator Mardesen stated next week's in-depth meeting will be held at the golf course.

18. CLOSED SESSION MEETING

A. Request to enter closed session closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the litigation, and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622.10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.
Councilmember Peggy Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to To enter Closed Session at 6:13 pm. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed. Present: Attorney Franklin, City Administrator Mardesen, City Clerk Hilger, Mayor Bark, Councilmembers Jindrich, Osborne, Lewis, Lampe, Brockert, Gordon and Conard, Chief Kies, City Planner Limburg and Community Development Directors Rinnert and Royal-Goodwin.
Discussion was had regarding the closed session topic.
Councilmember Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Conard moved to exit closed session at 7:26 pm. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion passed.

B. Request to enter closed session closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in the

litigation, and in accordance with Iowa Code Section 622.10 to discuss attorney/client privileged and attorney work product matters with legal counsel.
Councilmember Matt Conard, seconded by Councilmember Angie Lewis moved to To enter Closed Session at 7:32 pm. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion Passed.
City Administrator Mardesen, City Clerk Hilger, Mayor Bark, Councilmembers Jindrich, Osborne, Lewis, Lampe, Brockert, Gordon and Conard, Chief Kies.
Discussion was had regarding the closed session topic.
Councilmember Conard, seconded by Councilmember Gordon moved to exit closed session at 7:56 pm. Vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 0, Motion passed.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lewis moved the meeting be adjourned at 07:56 PM.