

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The joint meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Diana Broderson. City of Muscatine Councilmembers present were Osmond Malcolm, John Jindrich, Nadine Brockert, Kelcey Brackett, Peggy Gordon and DeWayne Hopkins. County Board of Supervisors present were Santos Saucedo, Jeff Sorensen and Nathan Mather. School Board Members present were Tammi Drawbaugh, Karen Cooney, John Dabeet, Aaron Finn and Toby McCarter.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by Muscatine Power and Water (MPW) General Manager Gage Huston on "Your Utility in Your Community" and "Strategic Plan for Muscatine Power and Water". Huston announced MPW was approved in July 2021 for a state grant of up to \$547,149 which is being used to expand MPW communication services into the county. Huston reviewed the planning for a new gas fired power generating plant supplemented by solar energy, new transmission line to the north of town, completed fiber optic project in 2020 and discussions to supply water to Louisa County. Huston stated the utility is run by a local board. Following the presentation the participants were encouraged to send an email to Gage Huston with questions. Huston stated there will be a MPW Powering the Future Open House at the MPW Administrative Offices on October 14, 2021 for area leaders and public to attend.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Muscatine County Assessor Randy Spies with an overview of the property valuation process and the current trends in property values. Randy Spies stated he has an open door policy at the Assessor office if residents have questions. Following the presentation the participants were encouraged to send an email to Randy Spies with questions.

The next item on the agenda was a housing plan update from City of Muscatine Community Development Director Jodi Royal-Goodwin. Royal-Goodwin shared information on current affordable housing and how partnerships have evolved throughout the community. Royal-Goodwin stated there are over 200 new housing projects under construction.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion with Board of Supervisors Chairperson Santos Saucedo regarding access to the Transfer Station. Saucedo stated that county residents have contacted him with complaints of not being able to dispose of oil or grass clippings for free at the transfer station as they live outside the city limits. Saucedo stated he has contacted Solid Waste Manager David Popp to discuss this concern. Mayor Diana Broderson stated that city residents pay a fee through their Muscatine Power and Water bill and county residents do not pay the fee. Saucedo requested that the City Council explore the possibility of a limited fee for county residents. Board of Supervisors Representative Jeff Sorensen stated that public service entities should research changes as changes can have an adverse effect. City Council Member Kelcey Brackett stated he would recommend the City streamline the ability for residents to drop off grass clippings and offer online payment instead of cash only as is the current policy.

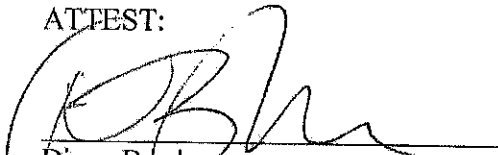
The final discussion item was with Mayor Diana Broderson regarding the preparation process for future joint meetings. Broderson in discussion with School Board President Tammi

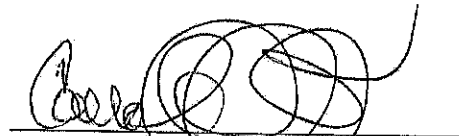
Drawbaugh and Board of Supervisors Chairperson Santos Saucedo set the 2022 Joint Meeting Schedule as follows:

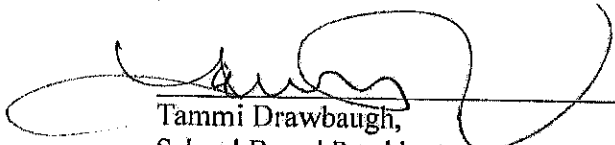
March 30, 2022	Joint Meeting to be led by Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
June 29, 2022	Joint Meeting to be led by City of Muscatine
September 28, 2022	Joint Meeting to be led by Board of Education


The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST:


Diana Broderson
Mayor


Carol Webb
City Administrator


Tammi Drawbaugh,
School Board President


Santos Saucedo
Board of Supervisors