

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

April 10, 1986

7:00 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Waltman, Councilmembers York, Sayles, Harder, Phillips, Amerine and Powell

ABSENT: Councilmember Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator; Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant; Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator; Craig Olson, Water Pollution Control Director; Ray Childs, City Engineer; Larry Wolf, Parks & Recreation Director; Roger Caudron, Community Development Planning Coordinator

The Mayor indicated this was the time to consider a proposed Electrical Licensing Ordinance as requested by the local electricians. The City Administrator indicated an ordinance had been prepared by the Building & Zoning Administrator in cooperation with the local electricians. The draft had been prepared as directed by the City Council on June 13, 1985. Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator, then reviewed the draft ordinance outlining the establishment of an Electrical Licensing Advisory Board and the Electrical Code which included both the adoption of the National Electrical Code with amendments to the Code. The licensing procedures included categories of General Electrician and Restricted Residential. It also included procedures for license suspension or revocation. Mr. Boka outlined the reciprocity process with other cities, and distributed a survey of various cities in Eastern Iowa outlining what licenses are issued and what licenses are accepted from other cities. It was noted the proposed ordinance stipulated the City of Muscatine would only recognize licenses from other cities who reciprocate with the City of Muscatine.

The City Administrator indicated to Council that if the Electrical Ordinance is adopted, the City should also revise the plumber licensing procedures to develop iniformity. Further, it was indicated the City should consider licensing mechanical contractors under the same provisions. It was noted it is important for the City to be consistent in it's licensing procedures with the primary purpose of licensing to develop qualified plumbers, electricians and mechanical contractors to protect the public safety and general welfare of the community.

Council had a general discussion concerning the compliance period, to be established after adoption of the ordinance. A time limit of three to six months was discussed.

Council also indicated that if an ordinance is adopted for Electrical Contractors the City should proceed to develop similar ordinances for both the plumbers and mechanical contractors. Council indicated a public hearing should be held on the ordinances and the date and time should be established at the May 1 Council Meeting.

The Council then reviewed the City's current sanitary sewer extension policy. The City Administrator outlined on a City map those areas which are currently not served by sanitary sewers within the City limits. Also Council was provided with an outline of various policies which have been used over the past five to ten years in extending sanitary sewers involving special agreements with private developers and special benefit districts established by the City. It was noted the City should develop a uniform policy for sanitary sewer extensions and be aggressive in extending sewers to areas of potential growth.

Council was then provided with a review of new proposed guidelines for establishing a sewer extension policy. Council indicated there was general agreement with the guidelines and requested staff to proceed with developing a complete set of guidelines for Council consideration. Council further requested staff to begin negotiating public ownership of several sewers which had been installed by special agreements.

Larry Wolf, Parks & Recreation Director, then reviewed a site plan for various improvements on the Waterfront involving the area between Iowa Avenue and southwest of Chestnut Street. Eleven different improvements were discussed including cost estimates, where available, and scheduling. It was noted many of the projects depended on outside funding sources and it was proposed Council consider submitting an application to the State Conservation Commission for a 50/50 grant for the construction of additional boat launch ramp and expanding the parking area. It was noted this request would be submitted for consideration at the April 17 Council Meeting.

Council was also informed a problem had developed with the bidding of the Riverfront Warehouse Project involving prevailing wage rates under the Davis-Bacon Act. It was noted, as a result of the plans to utilize Federal Revenue Sharing the project would have to comply with the Federal Wage Rate. However, the specifications did not include this provision, therefore, it was proposed that Federal Revenue Sharing not be utilized for the project. It was recommended the portion to be funded with City funds be allocated from the Bonds to be issued in the Spring of 1986. The City Council was in agreement with this proposal.

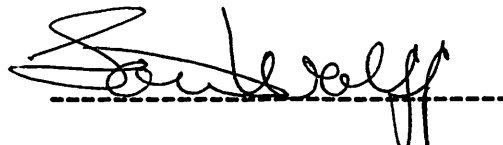
The City Council was then provided with the revised Flood Control Manual for 1986. Council was provided with a status on the flood conditions. It was noted the U.S. Weather Bureau had initially predicted the river to crest on April 17 at 20 1/2'. This projection had been revised to 19 1/2' with the crest on April 15. Council was informed of a staff briefing session which had taken place on Monday, April 7 and a status on the steps which were being taken to implement the procedures outlined in the Flood Control Manual. Council was informed that staff would again be meeting on Friday, April 11 at which time

further consideration would be made on the need for installing the gate closures on Fifth Street, Second Street and Mississippi Drive. The City Administrator indicated if the flood conditions change and any major problems develop, Council will be notified immediately.

Council was informed the Office of Programming and Planning had contacted the City and indicated they were prepared to offer the City \$375,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Madison School Target Area. It was noted this was \$225,000 less than the \$600,000 requested by the City. However, the State would fund the remaining funds if the President's deferral is overturned by either Congress or the Court. The City Administrator outlined a proposal of projects to be completed in the Madison School Target Area with the provision the City would allocate \$363,150, for a total of \$738,150, including \$37,500 in administrative costs. If the remaining funds were appropriated the City would only be required to contribute \$29,200. This would result in the same total project cost as initially submitted of \$992,350 with the same Federal and Local cost sharing. Councilmember Sayles expressed concern over reducing the size of the project and its total impact on the neighborhood. Councilmember Harder indicated he was reluctant to consider accepting the grant. Councilmember York requested staff to provide a cost estimate for McClellen Street to be included as part of the project. Councilmember Amerine, Powell and Phillips indicated they were in favor of proceeding with the project. The City Administrator indicated he would notify OPP to prepare a proposed contract which would then be submitted for Council consideration at either the April 17 or May 1 meeting.

#9501 On motion by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Amerine, it was moved to approve the liquor license for God Father's Pizza. The motion was approved unanimously.

#9502 On motion by Councilmember Powell, seconded by Councilmember Amerine, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:45 p.m.

  
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Soren Wolff, City Clerk