

CITY OF MUSCATINE

IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 1980 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Schauland, Aldermen Platt, Koehrsen, Waltman, Duncan, Kemp and Hilton.

ABSENT: Alderman Rada

Members of the CACIM Transportation Subcommittee met with City Council to discuss the provisions of the Section 13(c) Warranty required for the City to receive federal funding for public transportation. Mr. Dave Meloy, on behalf of the Committee, emphasized that the Warranty would only cover employees in both the private and public sector who are directly effected by the assistance of federal funding. Mr. Meloy also stated the Committee has reviewed the Warranty provisions in detail and felt the possibility of a potential claim is extremely small. It was further noted by Mr. Meloy the preliminary findings of the Committee is that public transportation will have to become more important to the City in the future in lieu of the energy crisis and the future demand of the public for public transportation.

Alderman Don Platt expressed his concern over signing the Warranty as it appeared that additional future requirements would be forthcoming as the City gets involved with federal funding for transportation. The City Administrator indicated there will be additional restrictions including the provision that transportation must be available to the general public versus just senior citizens and the handicapped. It was also noted the purchase of vehicles with federal funding would require the vehicles to meet federal standards. There was general consensus of Council and the Committee that in order for the City to pursue public transportation, federal and state funding would be essential.

The Council thanked the Committee for the extensive research which they had performed and indicated they were looking forward to receiving the complete report on the future of public transportation for the City of Muscatine.

The Council then discussed the request from Bi-State for the City to participate in the Resource Recovery Feasibility Study. It was noted that the Study would cost approximately \$75,000 with \$37,500 to be allocated from the public sector and an equal amount to be paid from the private sector. Based on the population allocation Muscatine County would pay \$3,375 towards the Study. The City Administrator indicated the County had requested the City to pay a portion of the cost based on a population distribution which results in a cost of approximately \$2,000 to the City.

City Council members expressed their concern over not being represented on the Resource Recovery Committee. There was general consensus of Council that the City should have a representative on the Committee as a result of the City's involvement with the landfill and having it's own electric municipal power plant.

The City Administrator indicated that the \$2,000 cost could be shared equally between the following City funds: Landfill; Refuse Collection; Water Pollution Control Plant and Power and Water. It was further noted that Bi-State was not asking for a specific allocation of funds at this time but simply an indication as to whether or not the City was interested in participating. Council members noted they would be interested in the project provided City representation could be provided on the Resource Recovery Committee. The City Administrator indicated he would forward the information to the Bi-State Planning Commission.

The City Council then discussed the procedures to be used in the future for handling traffic matters. The City Administrator indicated there are basically three sources of receiving complaints or changes, including the general public, the City staff, and the City Council. The City Administrator recommended that all traffic matters be referred to his office for review and study. It was noted the complaints would then be reviewed by the Police Department and City Engineer and a recommendation would be forwarded to City Council, similar to all other matters brought to Council's attention through the City Administrator.

The City Council indicated that they were in general agreement with this procedure and encouraged continual education of staff in the area of traffic regulations.

The City Council discussed a tentative budget schedule provided by the City Administrator for the 1980-81 budget sessions.

The City Administrator informed Council that the matter of leasing out the Cemetery house for one year rent-free to James Motzer and Truman Rhodes would appear on the next Council Agenda. It was noted that the two individuals have tentatively agreed to provide the labor for repairing the home in lieu of a year's free rent.

The Mayor indicated that Mr. Mark Mather would not be able to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission as he had another commitment, therefore, had resigned and the Mayor recommended Ann Figg to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#4472 On motion by Alderman Kemp, seconded by Alderman Koehrsen, it was recommended that Ann Figg be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Mayor indicated that Alderman Hilton had requested not to serve on the Community Nursing Committee as a result of a conflict of interest and thereby the Mayor recommended that Alderman Kemp replace Alderman Hilton on the Committee.

On motion by Alderman Koehrsen, seconded by Alderman Hilton, recommending that Alderman Kemp serve on the Community Nursing Committee was approved unanimously.

The Mayor reported that Mr. Fred Leonard had resigned from the Airport Advisory Commission and recommended that Mr. Stacy Lewis be appointed to the Board.

#4473 On motion by Alderman Kemp, seconded by Alderman Waltman, it was recommended that Stacy Lewis be appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

#4474 On motion by Alderman Waltman, seconded by Alderman Hilton, it was recommended that Council meet in Executive Session to discuss a proposed labor contract with the City's Blue/White Collar Workers. The motion was approved unanimously.

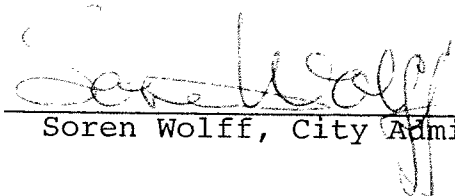
#4475 On motion by Alderman Kemp, seconded by Alderman Hilton, the City Council reconvened in regular session.

#4476 On motion by Alderman Duncan, seconded by Alderman Platt, it was recommended that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Evelyn L. Schauland, Mayor

ATTEST


Soren Wolff, City Administrator