

CITY OF MUSCATINE

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

January 31, 1980

6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Schauland, Aldermen Waltman, Duncan, Kemp, Hilton, Rada and Koehrsen. Also present Soren Wolff, City Administrator and Deb Rauh, Finance Director.

ABSENT: Alderman Platt.

Mayor Schauland indicated this was a budget study session for Council's review of the proposed 1980-81 budget as presented by the City Administrator. Mayor Schauland asked Council what their reaction was to the public information meeting which had been held on Tuesday, January 29, 1980. Members of Council noted the meeting had generally been helpful and the meeting served the purpose of providing the public an opportunity to comment prior to the Council starting it's budget study. Members of Council indicated it may be beneficial to publish a list of proposed questions in the paper similar to those distributed at the hearing. This would give the public an opportunity to think about the budget prior to the meeting.

The Mayor then asked the City Administrator to review the Budget Message as submitted with the proposed budget. The City Administrator reviewed the key points of the Budget Message including the status of the fund balance, the proposed tax levy, the impact on the property tax, the limited growth in our governmental revenues and reviewed the various categories of revenues and proposed increases recommended for 1980-81 which are proposed at 9% above the previous year's budget.

The Administrator further outlined the proposed reductions in the respective budgets for 1980-81 including the Building and Grounds, Police Department, Library, Art Center, Parks and Recreation, Roadway Maintenance, Engineering and Senior Transportation Departments.

The City Administrator further outlined several uncertainties pending in the proposed budget which could not be determined at the time the budget was being prepared.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.