

IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 9, 1984

7:00 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Platt, Councilmembers Kite, Sayles, York, Amerine, Powell, and Waltman

ABSENT: Councilmember Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator; Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant

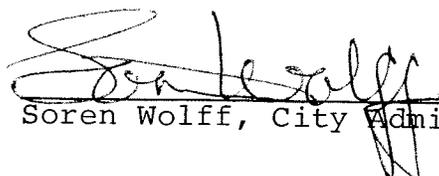
The City Administrator informed the Council that the 1984-85 proposed budget was not ready for distribution. The Council then discussed the proposed schedule for reviewing the 1984-85 budget.

The City Administrator informed Council a notice had been received from the Iowa Department of Transportation indicating a parcel of property along Second Avenue north of Lake Park Boulevard approximately 200' wide by 868' long was for sale. It was noted State agencies who offer land for sale are required to notify local governments. Council was informed a call had been made to the State and the 3.99 acres was for sale for \$61,250.

It was noted the Fire Chief has indicated the southeast corner of the property would be suitable for a future fire station for the East Hill area. The City Administrator indicated the State would not sell a portion of the property but only the entire parcel. Further, it was noted that at this time there was some question as to whether or not the station could be justified, and the City did not have \$61,250 available for the land purchase. Council was informed that it was anticipated the major growth in Muscatine would occur to the northeast and west and the property would probably be well suited for a satellite fire station in the future.

The Council was in general agreement the purchase price was too high and the City should not pursue the purchase. Members of Council indicated that staff should keep abreast of the sale of the property as the City may want to negotiate a purchase with the future owner.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.


Soren Wolff, City Administrator