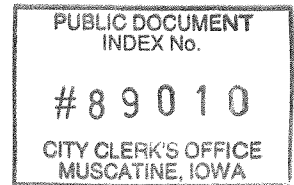


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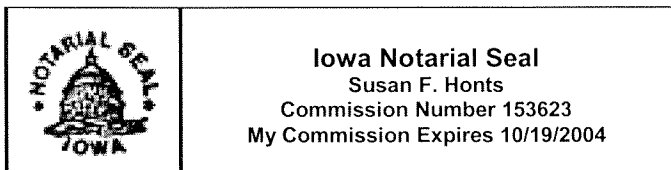
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Services David Casstevens, and Finance Officer Nancy Lueck. The Council concluded its review of the General Fund activities to identify issues. Senior Resources was identified as an issue for further discussion. The Council then received a presentation from city staff concerning additional funding that could be utilized to fund two police officer positions that had been requested. There was additional discussion. Motion approved to cut \$10,500 worth of items from the Building & Grounds budget, to allocate funds for the purchase of an additional squad car, to not purchase a truck for the Parks & Recreation Department, and to add funding for fiscal year 2004/2004 for an additional Administrative Lieutenant's position at the Police Department. It was also noted that the swap for the police car and the Parks & Recreation vehicle was going to result in additional money that could be backed out of the General Fund transfer to the Equipment Replacement Fund. There was further discussion. Council then took a dinner break. Once back from break, Jay Brady, representing the Historic Preservation Commission, was present to update Council on various projects including the two houses that the city currently owns at the corner of 3rd and Chestnut streets. There is an April 1st deadline for the Council to determine what to do with the two homes that are currently under the auspices of the Historic Preservation Commission. There was also a question concerning library levies for both support and operational issues. The Council then moved on to discussion concerning funding for Senior Resources. Motion failed to empower Finance Officer Nancy Lueck/city staff to find \$16,500 to fund Senior Resources. There was discussion from Councilmembers and staff, who stated it is not the role of city staff to find the additional monies and that it is up to Council to make a decision as to how to fund Senior Resources if they wish to do so. Motion failed to take the fund balance to an even \$1,300,000 and provide that money to Senior Resources. There was continued discussion concerning the evaluation of the upcoming vote of the County Board of Supervisors for joint communication. After discussion, it was determined by Council that they would certify their budget as decided this evening and decide what to do with any type of additional funding in the future. With a quick review of Enterprise Funds, there were no changes made in the budgeted numbers. There was emphasis on the marketing of the golf operations and soccer activities. Council also thought that it would be more beneficial for them to change their goals and objectives sessions to early September of 2004 to look at establishing goals that would be more beneficial in the establishment of budget activities. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. Respectfully submitted, A.J. Johnson City Administrator

**CITY OF MUSCATINE
BUDGET SESSION
MINUTES
Lower Level
Conference Room
February 11, 2004**
Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council budget session for Wednesday, February 11, 2004, to order at 4:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Lesnet, Shihadeh, Fitzgerald, Trent, Root, Lange, and Day. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Director of Administrative