

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL  
Council Chambers - June 2, 1988 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Don LeMar.

Roll Call: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer present.

The opening prayer was given by Reverend Howard Hughes of the First Missionary Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held on placing demolition costs as tax assessments for properties at 1548 Grant and 1012 Lombard.

Ed Johnson, owner of the property at 1012 Lombard, stated he was told the cost of the demolition for the home at this location would be approximately \$1,000. He stated he felt he could have sold the property to pay this amount or been able to obtain a loan for this amount. He noted that with the actual cost of \$2,475, that this was more than the amount he would be able to borrow against the property. He also indicated he was not informed that he had a right to protest this procedure.

Councilmember Kemp asked when Mr. Johnson was told the estimated amount was \$1,000 and asked if this was in writing.

Mr. Johnson stated he thought this was in August of 1987, and that he did not have any written information reflecting this amount.

Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator, stated he and the staff of his department had met with Mr. Johnson on several occasions to discuss the demolition of his property and also to assist Mr. Johnson in finding other housing and obtaining housing assistance through the City's Section 8 housing program. He noted that Mr. Johnson had signed a voluntary agreement on December 4, 1987 for the City to proceed with demolition of this building and authorizing the City to take competitive bids for the demolition contract.

Mr. Johnson stated he signed this agreement because he thought the cost would be approximately \$1,000. He also noted he was given only 30 days to pay this amount.

Steve Boka stated it was not the policy of his office to give estimated amounts for demolition of property since these costs would not be known until bids were received. He noted the City was billed and paid for the demolition costs in April and an invoice was forwarded to Mr. Johnson to be paid in 30 days. He noted the request to place this cost as an assessment against the property was to protect the City's interests in recovering the cost of this demolition. He noted there would be three years for Mr. Johnson to pay this assessment before the property would be sold at a tax sale.

Harvey Allbee Jr., City Attorney, confirmed that it would be three years before the property would be sold at a tax sale, and noted there are no provisions for partial payments of these assessments.

Councilmember Brewer suggested Mr. Johnson meet with a realtor to help in determining the value of this lot.

Councilmember Harder asked Mr. Johnson if he knew the cost of demolition before the house was demolished.

Mr. Johnson stated he did not know the cost until he received the bill.

Councilmember Amerine asked if Mr. Johnson was notified when Council awarded the bid for the demolition of this structure.

Steve Boka stated the resolution approved by City Council authorized an amount up to \$3,000 for this demolition and since the actual bid was \$2,475, it was within the estimated cost. He noted Mr. Johnson was sent and should have received a copy of this resolution.

Mr. Johnson stated he was not informed of the \$3,000 estimate, but noted he may not have received all of his mail while he was moving.

Councilmember Harder asked if Mr. Johnson was notified of the cost of the demolition before the project was completed.

Steve Boka stated he had assumed Mr. Johnson knew the estimated cost was \$3,000 from the resolution approved by City Council.

Councilmember Kemp asked if Mr. Johnson also had the opportunity to demolish this structure himself.

Mr. Johnson stated he was not aware of this or did not remember this.

Soren Wolff, City Administrator, noted the City helped Mr. Johnson to find other suitable housing and also to participate in the Section 8 housing assistance program. He stated all property owners in this situation are given the opportunity to demolish the structures themselves before the City would begin demolition procedures. In regard to the exact cost of the demolition, he noted the resolution included an amount up to \$3,000, which was City staff's estimate of the cost. He noted that the City tries to avoid relocating individuals as much as possible, but indicated that this property was in very poor condition. He noted that Council can be provided with more information on this case, but the process followed was the same as in other cases.

Councilmember Harder stated he assumed the property owner would be notified of the cost of the demolition before it was begun. He suggested this step be added to the procedures for future cases.

Councilmember Kemp asked if a financing plan could be arranged with Mr. Johnson.

Soren Wolff stated it would be three years before the property would be placed on a tax sale, and if this did occur the demolition cost would be a lien against the property. He noted if the property was sold at a tax sale for less than the lien against the property, the City would not be able to recover the full amount of this lien. He indicated that if the property would be sold for more than the amount of the lien, Mr. Johnson would receive the proceeds of the sale over the amount of the assessment. He also noted if Mr. Johnson paid the full amount of the assessment and then sold the lot, Mr. Johnson would receive the full proceeds of the sale. He stated more information on this property can be forwarded to Council if they decided to table action on this request.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10986. Councilmember Amerine moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held on the proposal to enter into a new lease agreement with Agri Industries for crossing and utilizing the levee.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10987. Councilmember York moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the City Sign Regulation Ordinance.

Kevin Whittaker, Director of Planning and Community Development, reviewed the proposed changes to the sign ordinance. He noted changes were included in the following areas: (1) Mixed Use Development District (MXD), (2) Agricultural District, (3) Large Scale Development, (4) Community Sponsored Events, and (5) Grand Openings and Special Events. He reviewed the proposed amendments for each area.

Councilmember Harder asked what types of complaints were expected from these proposed changes.

Mr. Whittaker stated that generally these changes would be liberalizing the City's sign requirements and as a result, complaints are not expected.

Councilmember Brewer asked if he would have a Code Book available to compare the proposed changes to the Ordinance.

City Administrator Wolff noted the City Code is currently being updated and should be available in a few months. It was noted a Code Book was

currently being updated for the changes through 1985 and would be forwarded to Councilmember Brewer in the next few days.

Councilmember Phillips asked if the City had regulations on going-out-of-business sales.

City Administrator Wolff stated some cities have an ordinance on these events; however the City of Muscatine does not.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10988. Councilmember Harder moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held to receive public comment on the proposed FY 1987/88 Budget Amendments.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10989. Councilmember Amerine moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held to receive public comment on the proposed issuance of \$1,065,000 in General Obligation Bonds.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10990. Councilmember Sayles moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held to receive public comment on the public improvement projects in the Garfield School Target Area.

Soren Wolff, City Administrator, referred Councilmembers to copies of a memorandum from the City Engineer on the Design Cost Estimates for this project. He also noted that there have been some changes since the original plans were reviewed, due to alignment changes of the storm sewers.

Ray Childs, City Engineer, reviewed the changes in the alignment of the storm sewers and the reasons for these changes. He also noted that easements

will be needed from a financial firm for one of the properties, the trailer court, and the schools. He noted that it was determined an additional portion of the sewer system needed to be rebuilt, but the additional cost of this item would be offset by savings resulting from finding the sewer did not need to be as deep as previously anticipated. He then reviewed the cost estimates and showed Councilmembers the scale model of the project.

City Administrator Wolff noted the scale model was used since this was such a large project and may take up to three years to complete. He noted the storm water problems were a major concern of the area as well as the need for street improvements. He also noted there are service laterals for both sanitary sewers and water which will need to be relocated and the cost estimates include funds for these relocation costs. He stated that many of the sewer laterals in this area were installed in the 1950's and used orangeberg pipe, and this material has been found to start collapsing after a period of time, with the actual time found to be related to traffic, soil conditions, and depth of the sewer. He noted there were funds in the project budget for replacement of some of the these sewers known to exist; however, the budget does not include any funds for additional relocations which may be found to be needed during construction. He stated the bids would include a section requesting from the bidder a "cost per foot" amount for this additional work. He noted that from review of the records, 80% of the homes in this area have this type of material used in the laterals from the sewer main to the homes, and these house laterals are the homeowner's responsibility. He indicated that 20 homes have had to replace sewer laterals of this material in the last several years. He suggested consideration of a possible program for homeowners to replace these laterals during this project, but indicated the cost per foot in the bids for this project would be an important consideration in developing such a program. He noted that if the laterals were installed at the time of this project, it should be at a more economical cost. He also noted that if the sewer laterals were replaced to the curb line of the street, this would minimize future street construction work for sewer replacement. He stated the cost of this work would need to be evaluated before a specific recommendation could be made.

Councilmember Harder stated he would like to see each property owner provided with information on the City's plans for the sewer work and also the potential problems with their current type of sewer laterals.

City Administrator Wolff stated that it was discussed by City staff that a letter be sent to each property owner explaining potential problems with the orangeberg pipe. He noted that it is anticipated there will be reluctance of many residents to replace a sewer lateral that is currently serving its purpose. He again noted the project's budget only includes funds for laterals which are known to need to be replaced. He then reviewed the cost estimates for this project including street, sewer, and other costs which totaled \$1,065,967.60 and the proposed financing of these costs.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#10991. Councilmember Amerine moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

#10992. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 1988 Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#10993. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the requests for renewal of Class "C" Liquor License for George's Steak House, 1510 Isett Avenue - Lee-Michael Inc., and Class "C" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Super Service 66, 202 Grandview - Spratt Oil Sales, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#10994. Councilmember Amerine moved to table until the next Council meeting the request for new Class "B" Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for Canterbury Royale Hotel, 1402 Park Avenue - Dehring Investment Co. Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#10995. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the request for renewal of Class "E" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for The Vintage Choice, 1502 Park Avenue - John R. Muir. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#10996. Councilmember York moved to approve the request from the Muscatine Humane Society to conduct their annual button sales fund raising event during the week of September 18-24, 1988. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

#10997. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted approving Cigarette Permits for Scott's Bait & Tackle Shop, 2017 Stewart Road; Nash Finch Co. d/b/a Warehouse Market, 1708 Park Avenue; Spratt Oil Sales d/b/a Super Service 66, 202 Grandview; Fiddle Stick, 2120 Stewart Road; and Cedar Falls Oil Co. d/b/a/ Holiday Stationstore, 503 Grandview Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Mayor LeMar stated he had helped entertain the Governor of Muscatine's Sister State in Japan and had been presented with a book on Mount Fuji. He suggested this book be placed at the Public Library and be available for everyone to see.

Cal Purdy, 920 Webster, commented that Mount Fuji was the first thing he saw when arriving in Japan and the last thing he saw when leaving.

Mayor LeMar submitted a proclamation declaring June 14, 1988 as "National Flag Day". He also announced there would be a Flag Day ceremony in front of City Hall from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on that date and invited everyone to attend.

#10998. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the proclamation for "National Flag Day". Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor LeMar read his veto of the ordinance concerning changes for the appointment and removal of Police and Fire Chiefs.

#10999. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the ordinance over the Mayor's veto to change the procedures for appointment of the Police Chief and

Fire Chief to be appointment by Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Andy Keller, 1499 Washington, stated that although he was not old enough to vote or to drive an automobile, he wanted to speak on this subject. He stated he felt the ordinance should be left the way it was with appointment and removal by the Mayor only. He also stated that earlier this year it was stated that the ordinance was old-fashioned. He noted the Constitution is over 200 years old and he did not feel that document was old-fashioned. He noted the Mayor was elected by the people and a petition opposing a change to the ordinance was signed by 1400 individuals wanting to keep the ordinance the way it was. He also stated that three of the five wards were against the change.

Cal Purdy, 920 Webster, stated he felt Council would be violating the principles of democracy in changing this ordinance by voting against the wishes of the people. He also stated if the ordinance was approved, it would be proving that there is a vendetta against the person in the Office of Mayor. He stated he felt the actions taken by the Mayor in removing the Police Chief should have been taken two years ago and that he did not think Council would have approved the Mayor's action in January. He urged Council to let the veto stand and get on with other City business.

Jim Meltzer, 921 W. 3rd, stated that if the veto is overridden, the issue would not die, but will come up in the elections of 1989 and 1991.

Mayor LeMar stated that during the past week he had talked with Carol Myhr, a former Police Chief. He stated information from Mr. Myhr did not agree with things he had been told.

Vote - Five ayes: Councilmembers Sayles, Harder, York, Phillips, and Kemp. Two nays: Councilmembers Brewer and Amerine. Ordinance adopted and veto overridden by the City Council.

City Administrator Wolff referred Councilmembers to copies of a revised ordinance to amend the parking ordinance. He noted that with the revised ordinance, Council could choose to keep one of the parking lots as an attendant lot and could also keep more options open for future changes to the parking system. He indicated that a fourth reading of this ordinance would be needed on June 16th if these changes were approved. He noted that estimates of revenues and expenditures for keeping one of the lots as an attendant lot would be completed by the In Depth meeting on June 9th.

Harvey Allbee Jr., City Attorney, reviewed the proposed amendments to the parking ordinance which included adding the definition of an attendant lot and also allowing Council to establish such a lot by Council resolution.

#11000. Councilmember Harder moved to approve the ordinance on third reading to change the Downtown Parking System. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

#11001. Councilmember Sayles moved to amend the ordinance on third reading to include Section 1 (I) and Section 3 (E) concerning attendant parking lots. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers

York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and ordinance amendment approved.

Vote on ordinance - All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and ordinance approved on third reading as amended.

#11002. Councilmember Amerine moved the ordinance be approved on first reading to amend the City Sign Ordinance regulations. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and ordinance approved on first reading.

#11003. Councilmember York moved the resolution be adopted assessing the building demolition cost to the property at 1548 Grand Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11004. Councilmember York moved to table consideration of assessing the demolition costs for the property at 1012 Lombard to the June 16th Council meeting and that the information on this property be reviewed at the June 9th In Depth Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp.

Councilmember Kemp requested a letter be sent to Mr. Johnson of the date and time of this meeting.

Councilmembers Harder noted he was interested in reviewing the process resulting in the demolition of this structure.

Councilmember York stated he was interested in why there was a difference in cost for the demolition of the two structures.

Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator, noted the building on Grand Avenue was smaller and had less clutter than the 1012 Lombard property.

City Administrator Wolff noted that competitive bids were taken for the demolition of each of these structures.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#11005. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted approving the new lease agreement with Agri Industries. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11006. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving the FY 1987/88 Budget Amendments. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember Harder noted that while the amendments are increasing the appropriations of the City, most of the amendments are due to additional revenues received by the City.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.



#11007. Councilmember York moved the resolution be adopted to take additional action for the issuance of \$1,065,000 of General Obligation Bonds. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Harder noted that this proposed bond issue represents funding for projects totaling over \$2.5 million and that a large portion of the bond issue will be paid from sewer fees.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11008. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the execution of the agreement with the Iowa Department of Economic Development for \$600,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Garfield School Target Area. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

City Administrator Wolff noted that most of the information on the street and sewer project for the Garfield School Target Area was presented at the public hearing held earlier in the meeting. He requested that due to the size of this project, the project completion date be left open at this time, so staff can discuss possible extension of the CDBG Grant Agreement ending date with the Department of Economic Development. He indicated that this agreement currently expires January 31, 1989 and that the contract cost could be higher if the bidders are required to complete the contract by this date. He then reviewed the notice to bidders, noting the contract completion date was blank until a decision is received from the State as to whether the extension is approved.

Councilmember Harder asked if extensions had been requested on other projects.

City Administrator Wolff noted that this had been done on one of the previous CDBG projects. He noted also that the grant agreement for these funds was received later this year than in previous years.

Kevin Whittaker, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that he discussed this possible extension with a site representative from the Department of Economic Development and indicated this individual did not see any problem with an extension. He noted that further approval, however, was needed from that department.

City Administrator Wolff noted that little work can be done after November due to weather considerations, and the contract price would probably be higher if the completion would be required by that time. He also noted if approval is received to extend the completion date, this may cause inconveniences to residents of that area over the winter months.

Councilmember Brewer asked if bidders can be requested to give a completion date in their bid for this project.

City Administrator Wolff stated this could be done and then given consideration when the bids are reviewed.

#11009. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted to approve the plans, specifications, cost estimates, and setting bid opening date for July 6, 1988 for the Garfield School Target Area project. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11010. Councilmember York moved to accept the low bid from Doors Inc. in the amount of \$7,475 for the purchase of doors and window frames for Phase IV of the Water Pollution Control Plant Renovation Project. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried.

City Administrator Wolff reported the contract documents were received from Moody Heating and Air Conditioning for the HVAC work for Phase IV of the Water Pollution Control Plant Renovation Project; however, the bond has not yet been received. He recommended the contract be approved subject to receipt of the required bond and its review by the City Attorney.

#11011. Councilmember Brewer moved the resolution be adopted to approve the contract and bond with Moody Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$38,463 for the HVAC work for Phase IV of the Water Pollution Control Plant Renovation Project subject to receiving the bond and its review by the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

City Administrator Wolff reported that three separate resolutions would be needed for assessing the costs for sidewalks, snow removal, and weed cutting to property owners. He noted that the information for the weed removal assessment resolution is not yet finalized and should be available by the June 16th Council meeting.

#11012. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of sidewalk costs to private property owners. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips.

Councilmember Harder asked if this was a disputed assessment.

City Administrator Wolff stated this property owner received the required notices to repair the sidewalk or the work would be done by the City with the costs assessed to the property owner.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11013. Councilmember York moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the assessment of snow removal costs to private property owners. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Councilmember Kemp reported receiving a telephone call in regard to the extension of the no parking area at the intersection of Parham Street and Mulberry Avenue and this individual was in favor of the extension.

City Administrator Wolff reported that letters were sent to four property owners which would be affected by this change. He stated he had been contacted by one of the owners who had concerns with the change, but he had indicated he would not object to it.

Randy Hill, Acting Public Works Director, stated he had been contacted by the resident of 1624 Mulberry, who stated this change would cause an inconvenience but that this individual had appreciated the safety concerns for others in that area. He noted this person had also requested the current parking restrictions be restored if the changes are found not to be beneficial.

#11014. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the "No Parking Here to Corner" extension on Mulberry Avenue to the north and south of Parham Street. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried.

#11015. Councilmember Amerine moved to receive and file Communication Items A through I. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

#11016. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve bills totaling \$379,085.31 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember Harder asked about the purchase of "monster mesh sheets".

City Administrator Wolff indicated he would check into this purchase.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Harder requested staff to check the signage at the intersection of the By-Pass and the Industrial Connector. He stated that vehicles wanting to proceed on to the Industrial Connector need to be in the left lane, and this does not seem to be adequately marked. He also noted a need for improved signage at the intersection of the Industrial Connector and Stewart Road.

City Administrator Wolff noted the City had been considering large overhead signs for these intersections.

Ray Childs, City Engineer, stated the overhead signs were no longer being considered because they would block the view of traffic nearing the intersection. He noted that post-mounted signs could be considered.

Councilmember Harder requested this concern be reviewed by City staff.

Councilmember Brewer noted his concerns for traffic exceeding the speed limit on Ford Avenue. He noted that there was some confusion as to the exact location of the problem which he had mentioned at a previous meeting.

City Administrator Wolff stated this item has been referred to the Traffic Committee for their review.

Randy Hill, Acting Public Works Director, stated he had talked with the Police Department on increasing the patrol of this area and also discussed this problem with Traffic Committee.

There was discussion on the location of the problem area.

Councilmember Brewer stated he received a request for a "Deaf Child Area" sign on Sub Van Buren.

City Administrator Wolff noted there are two such areas currently designated and he would review the action needed to designate an additional area.

Councilmember Brewer noted the poor condition of the alley next to the P-N-P store that runs between Park Avenue and Grand Avenue.

City Administrator Wolff stated this would be checked.

Councilmember Amerine commented that he was glad to see the Garfield School Area project begin.

Councilmember Phillips stated she had received questions on when the buildings on Mulberry Avenue which were damaged by fire would be demolished.

City Administrator Wolff noted that currently the utilities are being disconnected and the actual demolition should begin by the following week.

Councilmember Kemp noted there was a very short time allowed at one of the traffic lights on Cedar Street. He also requested that removal of the stop light at Pine Street and Mississippi Drive be considered by the Traffic Committee.

City Administrator Wolff stated that with the installation of the new traffic signals and the synchronization system, there may be some problems encountered until the entire system is in place. He also noted consideration of the removal of the stop light at Pine Street and Mississippi Drive is proposed to be addressed with the other traffic changes for the downtown area.

City Administrator Wolff reported a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services is requested to be executed for the City's subsidy to the Sheltered Workshop.

#11017. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the Contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Kemp, and Brewer. Motion carried.

City Administrator Wolff stated he wanted to address some of the statements made in the Mayor's veto of the ordinance to change procedures for the appointment and removal of Police and Fire Chiefs. He stated that the former Police Chief, Jerome Tesmond did not have the job in North Carolina prior to Mayor LeMar taking office. He noted that he had met with a representative of Mr. Tesmond's new employer on February 25th and that Mr. Tesmond was offered the position that same day. He also noted Mr. Tesmond had interviewed for the position approximately one week before that. In regard to


the statements concerning ordinances giving increased powers to the City Administrator, Mr. Wolff stated he did not feel he had powers, only responsibilities delegated to him and that there have been no changes increasing or decreasing these responsibilities in the more than eight years he has been with the City of Muscatine. He also noted the ordinance concerning the position of the City Administrator has remained substantially the same since adopted in 1968, with the exception of several items which were clarified during the recodification process in 1981.

#11018. Councilmember Kemp moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
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Don LeMar, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Soren Wolff, City Clerk