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CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers - March 16, 1989 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Don LeMar.

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

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Ed Meyer of the Mount Zion Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor LeMar announced the hearing was being held to receive public comment on the proposed applications for State and Federal funds for the City Transit System.

There were no oral comments for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#11560. Councilmember Amerine moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#11561. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 1989 Regular Council Meeting and March 9, 1989 In Depth Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor LeMar welcomed members of the Boy Scouts attending the meeting as part of "Boy Scout City Government Day".

Darren McWhirt, Boy Scout "Mayor", expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Boy Scouts to the Mayor, Councilmembers and representatives of City staff for their involvement with the Scouts that day. He also thanked Madelin Carter, Mrs. Bill Trent, Robert Page, Walter Conlin, and all the Boy Scouts for their efforts in making this event a success. He also thanked Pizza Hut, Mazzio's Pizza, and Sun Mart for providing food and beverages for the Scouts.

Sam Harper, Boy Scout "Mayor Pro Tem", stated he enjoyed the day he spent with the Mayor and thanked City representatives for their time and efforts with the Boy Scouts.

Members of the Boy Scouts representing City Councilmembers, the City Attorney, and City Administrator introduced themselves and stated who they represented. The Scouts were the following:

Jon Hutton, "Alderman at Large" representing Larry Kemp
Justin Weis, "3rd Ward Alderman" representing Jeanette Phillips
Andy Fischer, "4th Ward Alderman" representing Jerry Amerine
Henry Yahn, "Alderman at Large" representing Clair York

Bret Trent, "5th Ward Alderman" representing Paul Brewer
Rod Carter, "1st Ward Alderman" representing Jim Harder
Ryan Ritson, "2nd Ward Alderman" representing Gayle Sayles
Kyle Meeks, "City Attorney" representing Harvey Allbee, Jr.
Joe Causey, "City Attorney" representing Harvey Allbee, Jr.
Justin Shroyer, "City Administrator" representing A.J. Johnson

Other Boy Scouts representing various City departments, Muscatine Power and Water, Muscatine Community Schools, and County departments introduced themselves.

Mayor LeMar thanked the Boy Scouts and stated he thoroughly enjoyed his day with them.

Madelin Carter, representing the Boy Scouts, expressed her appreciation to everyone helping in this event.

Bob Page, also representing the Boy Scouts, thanked the City for the opportunity given to the Boy Scouts to participate in government activities that day.

Darren McWhirt, Boy Scout "Mayor", stated the Scouts had discussed possible City projects during the day, and requested City Council give consideration to the development of a trail along the riverfront, downtown area, and historic areas of the community. He noted the City of Galena, Illinois has such a trail and that community annually hosts a pilgrimage for Boy Scouts with approximately 15,000 attending.

Sam Harper, Boy Scout "Mayor Pro-Tem", stated that if a trail was developed, individuals traveling on boats who stop in Muscatine could use this trail. He also noted that this would be a project the Boy Scouts could help with.

Darren McWhirt stated that a map of a walking tour of Muscatine has already been developed and is available at the Chamber of Commerce office. He noted that marking this trail is all that would be required.

#11562. Councilmember Kemp moved to refer the suggestion of the Boy Scouts to the City Administrator for evaluation. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, reported that the inspections for the liquor license applications on the agenda were completed and the violations corrected.

#11563. Councilmember Amerine moved to approve the following: (1) Request for new Class "B" Beer Permit for 2nd Street Saloon, 202 W. 2nd - 2nd Street Saloon, Inc., (2) Request for new Class "B" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Riverbend Racquet and Health Club, 2617 Park Avenue - Loos Ice Co., (3) Request for new Special Class "C (BW)" Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for The Golden Dragon, 501 W. Bypass - Suc Pham, (4) Request for renewal of Class "C" Liquor License for Edward's Tavern, 207 Mulberry Avenue - Marlene Anderson, (5) Request for renewal of Class "A" Liquor License and Sunday Sales Permit for American Legion, 110 South Houser - American Legion, and (6) Request for renewal of Class "C" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for

C Mart #1065, Clay and Gobble Street - Coastal Mart, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#11564. Councilmember Amerine moved to table until the next Council meeting the request for new Class "B" Beer Permit for El Zarape Mexican Restaurant, 207 E. 2nd - Paul G. Casas. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator reported three additional requests for liquor licenses were received after the agenda was prepared. He stated these requests were received from the following: (1) Request for new Class "C" Liquor License for Mac's on the Avenue, 214 Iowa - P&R Operations, Ltd. (2) Request for new Class "C" Liquor License for Boomer's Outback Restaurant, 105 Ford Avenue - Outback, Inc., and (3) Request for renewal of Class "C" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Meerdink's Amoco Service Center, 2111 Park Avenue - Meerdink's Amoco Service Center, Inc. He noted the application for Boomer's Outback Restaurant was due to a change in the name of the corporation making application for this license and also in the name of the establishment. He indicated the original application under the former name was approved by City Council on the second reading at the February 2, 1989 Council meeting.

#11565. Councilmember Sayles moved to table until the next Council meeting the request for new Class "C" Liquor License for Mac's on the Avenue, 214 Iowa Avenue - P&R Operations, Ltd. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

#11566. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the request for new Class "C" Liquor License for Boomer's Outback Restaurant, 105 Ford Avenue - Outback, Inc. and the request for renewal of Class "C" Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Meerdink's Amoco Service Center, 2111 Park Avenue - Meerdink's Amoco Service Center, Inc., both subject to inspections. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

#11567. Councilmember York moved to approve the request from Great River Days Ltd. to use public facilities in conjunction with Great River Days in 1989 and 1990. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

Councilmember Sayles asked if this request included closing the area around the Pearl City Station and requiring individuals to pay admission to enter this area. She stated she was opposed to increasing the area requiring admission during Great River Days.

Julie Kaalberg, representing Great River Days Ltd., stated she did not see this organization increasing the area requiring paid admission from the area so designated in previous years.

Councilmember Sayles stated the request by Great River Days Ltd. includes "use of the Pearl City Station and new area down river" and also requests permission to charge an admission fee for all the areas included in the request.

Julie Kaalberg stated she believed this was a misstatement of the intent of Great River Days Ltd.

#10568. Councilmember York moved to amend the previous motion to approve the request from Great River Days for use of the areas requested but to authorize admission be charged for only the area from Iowa Avenue east to the circle drive area of Riverfront Park. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

Councilmember Harder asked if the boat ramps would remain open during this event.

Larry Wolf, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated the ramps are required to remain open as stipulated in the grant agreement for funding of the construction of the ramps.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor LeMar submitted a proclamation declaring March 12 through 18, 1989 as "Girls Basketball Week in Muscatine". He stated the City is proud of the Muscatine girls basketball team for winning the State Tournament in Des Moines.

#11569. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the proclamation declaring March 12 - 18, 1989 as "Girls Basketball Week in Muscatine". Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes; motion carried.

#11570. Councilmember Phillips moved to include on the signs entering Muscatine "Home of the 1989 Undefeated Girls State Basketball Team". Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#11571. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted to award the bid and execute a contract between the City and AAA Mechanical Contractors, P.O. Box 805, Iowa City, Iowa to complete work under Phase II of the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program for the City's Elderly Highrise - Clark House in the amount of \$293,088. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember York noted the 20-25% difference in the bids received for this project and asked if references had been checked on the firm that submitted the low bid for the project.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, stated the City has received assurances from State agencies that this firm is capable and able to do the work required for this project. He stated the bond submitted by this contractor contains language providing that the bond is in the amount of 75% of the contract amount. He indicated this has been reviewed with the State and HUD and this amount is considered satisfactory and not out of the ordinary for this type of project.

Councilmember York asked for a review of the changes in project specifications from the specifications for the bids originally received and later rejected by the City.

Jack Paetz, Housing Administrator, stated the changes involve the changing from a 3-pipe hot water system to a 2-pipe system and the deletion of a standby boiler. He stated he did not feel these were significant changes and that an extra boiler can be added at a later date if found to be needed.

Councilmember Harder stated the revised specifications also involve elimination of hot water heat in several areas of the building which reduces the area to be heated by hot water by 11 per cent. He stated this project was proposed as an energy savings means, but he felt the cost savings estimates were questionable. He stated that he no longer supports this project and indicated that by changing from electric heat provided by Muscatine Power and Water, these costs would be passed on to other users of electricity in the community.

Councilmember Kemp stated the amount of electricity used at the Clark House was not that significant of a part of the total power provided by Muscatine Power and Water. He also noted that it would not be too many years before the current heating system would need to be replaced at the Clark House. He asked if funds would be available in the future for this project if the City chose not to proceed with the project at this time.

Jack Paetz indicated funding would be from local funds or reserves or perhaps from HUD funds. He noted a possible difficulty in making application for HUD funds if the City does not take steps to reduce energy costs. He indicated the estimated useful life of the current system is 15 years, and the cost for replacing this system is estimated at \$130,000.

Councilmember Harder stated the current system would need to be replaced in any event since this system will still be needed to provide air conditioning for this facility.

Councilmember York asked if the change to the hot water system would prolong the life of the current system for air conditioning purposes.

There was discussion if this would have an effect and also discussion if further evaluation was needed for this project.

Mayor LeMar asked what the status of the cable television installation would be if the project was not approved.

Jack Paetz stated the cable installation is proposed to be completed in conjunction with the other parts of this project. He stated that if the project is not approved, the cable system could be installed another way with funding from local reserve funds.

Mr. Paetz stated he felt the savings in utility costs would be significant in changing from electric to gas heat. He also stated he believed the changes from the original specifications have had a significant effect on the cost of the project but not on the effect of the project in reducing energy costs. He noted the areas proposed to remain heated by electricity include the vestibule areas and remote areas of the facility. He further noted that many of these areas can be shut off from the remainder of the facility and that in some of these areas there is little need for heat to be provided. He stated the savings for this conversion is estimated to be \$20,000 annually from the current \$85,000 annual cost.

Councilmember York asked if these savings would be available to be used for replacement of the air conditioning system.

Mr. Paetz stated they would be.

Vote - Five ayes: Councilmembers York, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. One nay: Councilmember Harder. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11572. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted approving the contract between the City of Muscatine and AAA Mechanical Contractors, P.O. Box 805, Iowa City, Iowa to complete work under Phase II of the CIAP Project at the City's Elderly Highrise, Clark House in the amount of \$293,088 and further to approve the bond in the amount of \$219,816 for this project. Seconded by Councilmember York. Five ayes: Councilmembers York, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. One nay: Councilmember Harder. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11573. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the bid submitted by Tri State Turf and Irrigation of Bettendorf, Iowa in the amount of \$26,495 (with trade-in) for a five (5) gang hydraulic reel fairway mower to be used at the Municipal Golf Course. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles.

Councilmember Harder asked the horsepower of the mower the City is replacing and questioned why the City required a 45 h.p. minimum in the specifications for this piece of equipment.

John Wieskamp, Golf Course Supervisor, stated the current mower is at least a 40 h.p. mower. He indicated that with the available mowers being smaller than in the past, the new mower will be utilized for a longer time to mow the same area previously mowed by the larger equipment.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor LeMar thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting.

There was a five minute recess.

#10574. Councilmember Kemp moved to accept the proposal as submitted by the Muscatine Rotary Club for the donation of funds and volunteer labor for the construction of a permanent stage structure at Riverside Park. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

Councilmember Sayles stated she had read in a Quad City newspaper that once the stage was constructed, a dome is planned to be added at a cost of approximately \$8,000.

Roger Hughes, 2807 Dawson, representing the Muscatine Rotary Club, stated this was not a correct quote. He indicated the Club is looking into a possible temporary cover for the stage to be used for larger shows to accommodate lighting and protect equipment that may be needed. He stated that footings are proposed to be included in the original construction to accommodate a scaffolding structure for this cover, but that plans do not include a permanent dome for this stage.

Councilmember Sayles asked if this organization has considered parking for this area.

Mr. Hughes stated this has not been specifically addressed, but that he expected individuals would park in the City's parking lots and the downtown area for larger events utilizing this stage.

Councilmember Kemp asked the organization's plans for providing labor for construction of this stage.

Mr. Hughes stated the Rotary Club has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers who expressed an interest in this project but wanted more detailed plans and the time frame for constructing this structure. He indicated the Rotary Club wanted to obtain City Council approval of the project before making specific arrangements for labor for constructing this stage. He stated that if Council approval is received, this group would contact the Army Corp of Engineers to see if they would be available for the project, and if this would not be feasible, would then arrange for professional labor for this project.

There was discussion of the footings proposed for the structure and also the proposed location as indicated by the area roped by City staff and viewed by Councilmembers.

Tom Bankhead, 204 W. 3rd, stated the footings are proposed to be included in the original construction and used to hold a canopy type of structure.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator stated after further review by City staff, the location for the stage would be moved approximately 10 to 15 feet to the west of the area roped off to allow for mowing of the slope proposed for the stage.

Councilmember Harder indicated he was not strongly in favor or opposed to the project as submitted, but noted if a framework would be proposed for the top of the structure, this would be an issue for additional Council consideration.

Mr. Bankhead stated more study is needed on options for use of canopies for this structure.

Councilmember Kemp asked during what hours this facility would be used for entertainment events, noting concerns of neighbors for noise from this area. He also asked if the decibel level can be legally controlled.

Larry Wolf, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that park hours are established by ordinance as 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and special permission would be required to extend these hours. He indicated that research would need to be done on any decibel level restrictions.

Councilmember Harder asked if the height of the structure has been determined, what procedures will be required before construction of this structure begins, and if information has been received on the effect on the City's insurance liability with the addition of this structure.

Mr. Wolf stated that after discussions with the Building and Zoning Administrator, it has been determined the height would need to be a minimum of 4.88 feet. He stated the project will need to be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment before construction and noted staff would also need

to review the specific plans again with the individuals performing the construction work. Mr. Wolf indicated that the information on the insurance liability question has not yet been received from the City's Insurance Agent.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, stated there would be liability associated with this structure, as with any City facility, but the extent is not yet known. He indicated that with the proposed berming to the platform, this should have a positive effect on the liability exposure, but the City would still have liability for the structure.

Councilmembers Harder and Kemp asked the extent of City staff involvement by the Parks and Recreation and Engineering Departments in this project, noting the other projects these departments have planned. Councilmembers noted a benefit to having staff monitor the construction of the stage and in reviewing proposed changes, but not in using extensive staff time for this project.

Ray Childs, City Engineer, noted a determination of who would be providing the labor for this project was needed for evaluation of the extent of staff time that might be needed. He noted the heavy commitments of engineering staff for projects in the Public Works area.

Roger Hughes stated that the Rotary Club is interested in getting the project completed as expeditiously as possible. He stated his organization is planning to first contact the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the labor for this project and if this cannot be arranged, the Club would then contact professional, competent individuals to construct this structure in accordance with all City codes.

Councilmember Harder asked if insurance certificates or releases could be obtained in the event any workers would be hurt or damage was caused due to the construction.

Harvey Allbee Jr., City Attorney, stated he perceived this project would be done by competent individuals with either the Army Corps of Engineers or by a competent contractor who would be bonded.

Mr. Hughes agreed that this would be done.

Vote - Five ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. One nay: Councilmember Sayles. Motion carried.

Councilmember Sayles stated she appreciated the generosity of the Rotary Club in offering funding for this project but that she felt it was proposed for the wrong location. She stated that she has been consistent in the last eight years in following guidelines set forth in studies of the riverfront area including the Task Force on Recreation for the Year 2000 and the Levee Commission's Long Range Plan which recommends elimination of structures obstructing the view of the river.

#11575. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to HyBrand Industrial Contractors, Ltd. of Muscatine in the amount of \$28,113 to install a structure in conformance with the City Engineer's specifications for containing fuel

storage tanks and equipment at the Muscatine Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles.

Councilmember Harder asked if this included removal of the existing tanks.

Ray Childs, City Engineer, stated funds for the removal of the existing tanks were included in the Airport operating budget.

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

#11576. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted authorizing a purchase order be issued to Illowa Enterprises, Inc. of Moline, Illinois in the amount of \$67,768 to install a dual fuel storage and dispensing system at the Muscatine Municipal Airport. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11577. Councilmember York moved to approve the ordinance on second reading for the adoption of the 1988 Uniform Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Code. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and ordinance approved on second reading.

#11578. Councilmember York moved to approve the ordinance on second reading amending Title 6, Chapter 3, Fire Prevention Code and adopting the 1988 Uniform Fire Code and National Fire Protection Code Section 101 by reference. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and ordinance approved on second reading.

#11579. Councilmember York moved City Council accept the bid from Cedar Rapids Truck Center for the purchase of one rear loading garbage truck chassis in the amount of \$37,500 and further to accept the bid from Elliott Equipment, North Brady Industrial Park, Davenport, Iowa in the amount of \$7,100 for one rear loading garbage truck body (with trade-in). Seconded by Councilmember Sayles.

Councilmember Harder stated he recalled on previous refuse vehicles, the City did not purchase the standard chassis. He asked if this was for a different type of vehicle.

Randy Hill, Acting Public Works Director, stated that the previous recommendation was for a side-loading refuse truck.

Councilmember York asked why there was a large difference between the amount budgeted for this vehicle and the amount of the bid.

Randy Hill stated the last rear-loading vehicle the City purchased was in 1983 at a cost of \$68,000 and budget estimates were based on estimated increases from this amount. He stated that the bids received were in the same range as the low bid, and vendors indicated the lower prices were due to increased competition.

Mayor LeMar asked for the size of refuse collection vehicle.

Mr. Hill indicated it was an 18 cubic yard vehicle.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#11580. Councilmember York moved to designate the City Engineer as the official engineer in connection with the Isett Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#11581. Councilmember Sayles moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the City Engineer to prepare preliminary plans and specifications, plat, schedule and estimates for the Isett Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, referred Councilmembers to the information distributed for this project noting the correction in the total estimated cost from \$481,162.50 to \$521,200.

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

#11582. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving and adopting the preliminary plans, specifications, plat, schedule and estimates for the Isett Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

A.J. Johnson referred Councilmembers to the schedule of the proposed sidewalk assessments for this project.

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

#11583. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the Resolution of Necessity pertaining to the the Isett Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember York.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator stated this item was to be introduced at this meeting, but action not to be taken until after the public hearing.

#11584. Councilmember York moved to table consideration of the final Resolution of Necessity until after the public hearing is held on this project. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes; motion carried.

#11585. Councilmember Amerine moved that City Council accept the towing contract with Hyink's Standard (Royce Hyink) for towing services to be provided to the City of Muscatine beginning April 1, 1989 through March 31, 1992. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#11586. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of an application for funding to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the City Transportation System for FY 1989/90. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11587. Councilmember Amerine moved the resolution be adopted providing for the pre-levy of taxes for the upcoming \$815,000 bond issue. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#11588. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the request from Tom Keller to relocate a house and garage from their current location at 2201 Houser Street with the following stipulation:

"That the Building and Zoning Administrator be notified at least 24 hours in advance of the proposed move, that the necessary arrangements be made in advance of the move with the utility companies and the Police Department, and that the City Administrator would have the final approval of the route to be selected by Mr. Keller in his relocation efforts".

Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes; motion carried.

#11589. Councilmember Amerine moved to approve the reclassification of the current Maintenance Worker I position at the Water Pollution Control Plant to that of a Maintenance Worker II with this reclassification to become effective upon the retirement of the existing Parking Meter Repairperson and be effective for the remainder of fiscal year 1988/89 and for fiscal year 1989/90. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#11590. Councilmember York moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the execution of the Annual Contributions Contract between the City and HUD and to establish a Depository Agreement with Central State Bank of Muscatine. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles.

Councilmember Kemp asked if the other lending institutions in the community were given consideration for this account.

Jack Paetz, Housing Administrator, stated that Central State Bank was chosen for this account because that bank is the current depository for the Section 8 Housing Program, and it is more convenient for the Finance Department to have these accounts at the same institution.

Councilmember Harder stated the Audit Committee will be reviewing banking services provided to the City and may be making recommendations for changes after these services are evaluated.

Councilmember Harder asked if this housing program requires additional staff and how this cost will be funded.

Jack Paetz stated a half-time position is needed for this program with the total HUD contribution of \$117,054 including \$11,575 for administrative expenses.

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

#11591. Councilmember Amerine moved to authorize the sale of surplus equipment of the Water Pollution Control Plant to the City of Cedar Rapids,

Iowa for the price of \$21,000. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, reported the Levee Commission had met earlier in the week and discussed rate increases for boat stall rentals for 1989 and also discussed possible rearrangement of the boat docks. He stated the Levee Commission has recommended a 10% increase in the boat stall rental rates to generate funds to provide for adequate maintenance of this facility and to provide funds for future improvements.

#11592. Councilmember Amerine moved to approve the 10% fee increase for the Boat Harbor as recommended by the Levee Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#11593. Councilmember Amerine moved to receive and file Communication Items A through P. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember Harder noted the Minutes of the Levee Advisory Commission meeting of December 21, 1988 were in these communications. He requested the minutes be forwarded to Council sooner in order that the Council be kept informed of the items discussed by these boards and commissions.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#11594. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve bills totaling \$390,247.03 and that City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember Phillips reminded everyone of the reception for new City Administrator A.J. Johnson to be held March 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Kemp requested staff evaluate the possibility of adding more microphones for Councilmembers so the public can hear better both in the Council Chambers and on the cable television broadcast.

There was additional discussion of this concern and agreement by other Councilmembers with this request.

Harvey Allbee Jr., City Attorney, stated it was appropriate for City Council to consider at this meeting, the Resolution of Necessity pertaining to the Isett Avenue Improvement Project, which was tabled by City Council earlier in the meeting. He stated this resolution would set a public hearing for April 6, 1989 for this project.

#11595. Councilmember Sayles moved to approve the Resolution Introducing the Resolution of Necessity for the Isett Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator, stated the City of Muscatine employees received an award from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center for donating blood through this organization. He noted that the Water Pollution Control Plant employees donated the most blood during the most recent drive

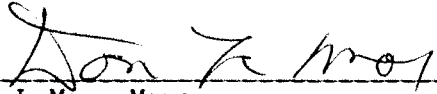
and recommended the award be given to Craig Olson, Water Pollution Control Director, on behalf of his employees.

Craig Olson stated a contest was held between various City departments during the last blood drive and that both his department and the Public Works Department were very close in the amount donated. He also stated that amounts donated over the past several years have increased significantly and all employees are to be congratulated in this effort. He suggested this be a traveling trophy for future blood drives.


#11596. Councilmember Amerine moved to go into Executive Session to review the City Administrator position. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried.

#11597. Councilmember Amerine moved to go out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, and Kemp. Motion carried.

#11598. Councilmember Kemp moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.


Don LeMar, Mayor

Attest:


A.J. Johnson, City Clerk