

CITY OF MUSCATINE
MINUTES OF
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION

February 15, 1983

5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Platt, Councilmembers Brewer, Kite, York, Hilton, Plett, and Waltman

ABSENT: Councilmember Sayles

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator; Deb Rauh, Finance Director; Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant; Arlen Wiggs, Community Development Director; Jack Paetz, Housing Administrator; Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator; Ray Childs, City Engineer; Don LeMar, Building and Grounds Director.

The Council discussed the Home and Community Environment Programs in the City's General Fund including the following activities: Community Development Administration, Planning Administration, Building and Zoning, Public Works Administration, Engineering Operations, Roadway Maintenance, Snow and Ice Control, and Street Cleaning.

The Home and Community Environment Budget totals \$1,671,771 or 28.8% of the General Fund Budget (this also includes Cemetery, Economic Well Being, and Transit subsidy previously discussed by Council).

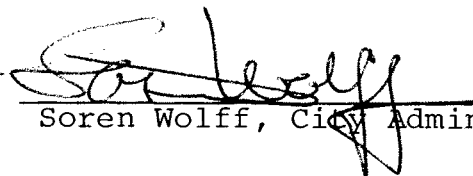
Council was informed the budget included a new position of a Public Works Director which would administer the following departments: Engineering Operations; Roadway Maintenance; Snow and Ice Control; Street Cleaning; Sanitary - Storm Sewer Collection; Refuse Collection; Landfill Disposal; Building and Grounds; and Equipment Services. It was noted the budgets of these activities totaled \$2,711,050 for 1983-84. The Budget for 1983-84 for Public Works Administration is \$55,500 including \$10,500 for Capital Outlay to set up the office and purchase a new vehicle.

A presentation was made to the Council by Mr. Leo Marolf of Appier, Marolf and Associates on a proposal to construct a new Public Works Facility. The City Administrator indicated the City had entered into a feasibility study agreement with the architectural firm to establish a proposed site plan and cost estimates. It was noted the study was being funded with funds set aside from a sale in 1981 of a piece of property on Clay Street. The cost of the study was \$18,810.

Mr. Marolf then made a slide presentation on the proposed facility. Mr. Marolf indicated the cost of the new facility was estimated at \$1.8 million. The City Administrator then reviewed the proposed funding sources available. Total funds available of \$1,200,000 included \$75,000 from a General Obligation Bond; \$925,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds; \$200,000 Transit Grant; and interest earnings. It was proposed the remaining funds could be considered from allocating two (2) additional years of Federal Revenue Sharing estimated at \$430,000, leaving a shortage of about \$190,000. It is anticipated if the project could be bid in the near future, the City might receive favorable bids. Also, various deductible alternates could be included in an effort to get the project initiated. It was noted there was a problem in allocating the two (2) additional years of Federal Revenue Sharing and this matter was being discussed with the City's bond attorneys.

The Mayor asked each Councilmember as to their opinion of the new facility. Each member indicated they were generally in favor of the facility, however, they were concerned about the City's ability to fund the entire project. It was noted the architectural firm would be requested to prepare a proposed agreement to prepare the plans and specifications. It was anticipated the agreement would be submitted for Council's consideration on March 17, 1983 meeting at which time the City will also discuss the City's funding capabilities.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.


Soren Wolff, City Administrator