

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

January 15, 1981

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Schauland, Aldermen Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman.

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator and Ray Childs, City Engineer.

The Mayor noted that the Public Hearing had been set for 7:30 p.m., therefore the Franklin and Taylor Street paving project would be discussed first. The City Administrator indicated plans were to provide full improvements on Taylor and Franklin Street with the project to be paid 100% through the Community Development Program.

The City Engineer reviewed the construction plans for the project and indicated there were problems meeting City street standards as a result of the narrow right-of-way and grades. The City Engineer noted plans were to construct a 26' wide pavement on Taylor Street with no parking and leaving sidewalks on both sides. The block of Franklin Street between Grandview and Liberty would be provided with a 41' pavement for half the block West of Grandview with parking on both sides with the pavement to be tapered to 31' between the alley and Liberty Street. City Council indicated some concerns over the proposal, however, felt that other alternatives were less desirable than that proposed by the City Engineer. Staff was authorized to proceed with the plans.

The Mayor then indicated this was the time for a Public Hearing concerning vacating an easement located on lots 2 and 3 of Meadow Lane Addition.

#5268 There being no comments, it was moved by Alderman Hilton, seconded by Alderman Kemp to close the hearing.

The City Administrator then indicated the resolution to vacate the easement for lots 2 and 3 of the Meadow Lane Addition should be approved subject to the owner turning back 10' of the easement along the East property line to provide continuity in the 10' easement which runs along the rear lot line of the Meadow Lane lots.

#5269 On motion by Alderman Waltman, seconded by Alderman Rada, it was moved to apporve to vacate and transfer the easement located on lots 2 and 3 of Meadow Lane subject to the owner providing a 10' easement on the East end of the lot. The motion was approved unanimously.

#5270 On motion by Alderman Platt, seconded by Alderman Koehrsen, it was moved to approve the resolution to execute the deed authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the quick claim deed for the easement on lots 2 and 3 of Meadow Lane Addition to Kenneth M. and Patty L. Fuhlman. The resolution was approved unanimously.

The City Council then reviewed the proposed intersection changes on Isett Avenue at Clay Street and Lake Park Blvd. The Council was provided with a copy of the proposed traffic changes which primarily involved changing the curb radius and channeling of the traffic for right and left hand turns on both Clay Street and Lake Park Blvd. Alderman Kemp and Alderman Platt indicated a concern whether the proposal was the best alternative in resolving the traffic patterns. Alderman Platt indicated that a traffic light should be installed at each of the intersections. The City Administrator and City Engineer indicated the installation of traffic lights would be costly, estimated at over \$30,000 per intersection and there was some question as to whether or not the traffic flow volumes would meet the State warrants for installing traffic lights.

Alderman Kemp indicated the top priority in the Traffic Study previously presented to City Council should be the synchronization of traffic lights along the Highway 61 corridor. The City Administrator indicated that the two intersections on Isett Avenue would be included in the Traffic Study and the priorities would be established later, depending on funding availabilities.

The City Council then reviewed the amounts to be charged to Lutheran Homes for the City providing fire services to the Nursing Home. The City Administrator reprinted the prior City Administrator and the Administrator of Lutheran Homes had come to an agreement that the fee for the 1979-80 fiscal year would be \$346. Mr. Wolff indicated that since this agreement had been reached back in 1979 that the City should honor that amount. Further, the City Administrator recommended that the fee for the 1980-81 fiscal year be set at \$1,000 which would be more realistic and comparable to the charges made to the four other firms who have similar contracts with the City. Mr. Willard Stromvall, Administrator of Lutheran Homes, indicated that he had no objections to the proposed amounts.

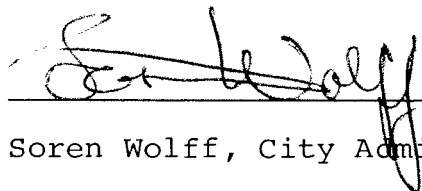
City Council then discussed the request from R.J. Dick to annex approximately eighty (80) acres of property at the North City limits off of Highway 38. The City Administrator indicated that R.J. Dick would also be requesting thirteen (13) acres of the property to be rezoned from agricultural to M-1 light industrial. R.J. Dick would also be requesting the City to issue up to \$1 million in Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for construction of an industrial-manufacturing building on the parcel. The City Administrator noted the request had been forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Members of Council expressed a concern over the lack of a clear policy dealing with annexation requests. The City Administrator indicated the Planning Commission and City Planner would be developing a policy in conjunction with the current annexation request. The City Administrator emphasized that the current annexation request involved undeveloped property and all improvements would have to be paid 100% by the developer including the utility extensions and street improvements.

The City Council then discussed the format to be utilized for the Public Information Meeting on the 1981-82 budget. City Council requested that a similar meeting to that held last year at the Public Library be held to outline the budget as recommended by the City Administrator. This meeting would be held prior to City Council's In-Depth review. City Council requested the City Administrator to send out invitations to various community organizations in an attempt to improve on last year's attendance.

City Council then reviewed a proposal presented by the City Administrator to re-arrange the Council Chambers. City Council requested the re-arranged Council Chambers be developed in such a way that it would serve the new Cable TV broadcast, the citizens in attendance at the meeting, and communications between Council members along with an audiovisual area. The City Administrator indicated these arrangements should be made prior to installing the new sound system which had been ordered.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.



Soren Wolff, City Administrator