

CITY OF MUSCATINE/COUNTY JOINT MEETING
MINUTES

January 22, 1979 - 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Room

Mayor Evelyn L. Schauland and Board Chairman Paul Satterwaite called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Koehrsen

ABSENT: Ald. Robinson

PRESENT: Board Members Shepard, Houston, Satterwaite, Torrence

ABSENT: Board Member Eichelberger

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Representatives from United Way, including Mary Harvey and John McMullen

Ald. Koehrsen discussed the background of this year's joint meeting concerning allocation requests by various social service agencies. She indicated that it was the first time the City and County and United Way had sat down jointly to hear requests from these agencies. She hoped that it would foster additional cooperation on this particular matter in the future.

Mayor Schauland indicated that the first agency to appear before Council would be Legal Services. Pat Hulting and Jim Weaver appeared before City Council representing Legal Services and discussed their activities. They indicated there were 510 clients represented in the previous year. The vast majority of these were from Muscatine County. Ms. Hulting indicated that Legal Services was the only locally funded Legal Services office in Iowa and that most others were federally funded or a private corporation. The increased request for 1979/80 was a 5% increase over the current year from \$5,950 on the part of the City to \$6,250 and from \$6,000 on the County to \$6,300.

Mayor Schauland indicated that second on the agenda would be the Commission on Aging. Mike Johannsen, Executive Director and Pat Collins, President of the Commission on Aging appeared before Council and County concerning their request. Mr. Johannsen indicated that they requested a 7% increase from the City from \$12,000 to \$12,860 and on the part of the County from \$14,000 to \$15,000. He indicated that the Great River Bend Nutrition project was phasing out of existence and the Commission on Aging will be doing the Meals on Wheels program for the future. This amounted to a \$5,183 request from the City only which was increased from \$4,843 in the previous year. He also indicated that the Senior Lift program had left the administration of the Commission on Aging and had gone to the Great River Bend services in Davenport. However, the Commission on Aging had initiated a new project called the Handyman Service. Council and County had a question concerning representation on the Commission on Aging Board. It was

indicated that the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors each had one representative on the Board out of the fifteen total members.

Mayor Schauand indicated that the third group to appear before the body was the S.C.A.R.F. Three representatives from S.C.A.R.F. were in attendance including the new Director Pat Vanzo and Rose Corbett. The Director indicated that \$53,513 of the total \$385,028 budget for the subsequent year were services provided in Muscatine County. The City's request was \$11,357 up from \$7,143 in the current year. The County request was \$19,692 up from \$12,124 in the current year. Part of the request included a new detoxification center for Muscatine. S.C.A.R.F. is the only licensed drug/alcohol server in the Muscatine area. The Director indicated that the state law concerning alcoholism had been rewritten in the recent year. New regulations have been put on the records in relation to detoxification centers. The grant request will pay for the detoxification center. He indicated that detoxification generally takes place for 48 to 72 hours immediately after detainment. This \$12,750 program in subsequent year would be looked at for piggybacking onto existing hospital treatment. The detoxification center would need to be piggybacked also with a half-way house or continued treatment program. The Director indicated that Mr. Jim Donnelly has been transferred from a half-way house in Davenport to the Muscatine S.C.A.R.F. office on a temporary basis to replace the recently deceased Mr. Keith Foster. A public hearing will be held concerning the needs of alcoholism treatment in Muscatine. At the same time, a replacement of a full time director for the Muscatine office would be looked at. He felt that a permanent solution is in the near future for this problem.

Mayor Schauand indicated that the next group to appear before the combined body was the Community Nursing Association. Mr. Charles Drumm, Administrator and Pat Castle, Nursing Program Head appeared before the Group. Mr. Drumm indicated that the Community Nursing Association had provided 63 years of service to the community. He indicated that nursing salaries were increased 7% in the budget while the Administrator and Head Nurse salaries were increased 20%. The total budget was increased by 8%. The Association was attempting to get salaries in the Community Nursing up to the same level as the hospital. The increase in funding is approximately 11% for the City and 22% for the County. The organization currently has five nurses, three home help aides, one administrator, and one bookkeeper. Almost all 99 counties provide some health care to their residents. Mr. Drumm indicated that most nursing associations receive their funding from the County rather than the City. Approximately one-fourth of the caseload is provided outside the City limits of Muscatine.

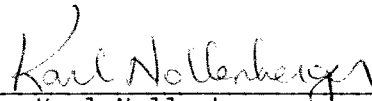
Mayor Schauand indicated the next group to appear before the body was the Sheltered Workshop. Mr. Herb Carlson and Jean Boldt and Harold Bridges appeared before the Group. Mrs. Boldt indicated that there were currently 16 staff members. The Council questioned the feasibility of the salary for the new director at \$27,000. Mr. Carlson indicated that it is a majority opinion of the Board. He also indicated that there was a 10% increase in requests from funding from the City and the County. In the case of the City, a request of \$11,000 increased from \$10,000 in the previous year and in the case of the County, \$24,000 increased in funding from \$21,400 in the previous year. He indicated that many of the programs had switched towards a social services orientation in current years. Council expressed a concern concern-

ing the affect of the high salary for the director on other salaries in the Agency. Mr. Carlson also discussed the need for some cash balance on the part of the Sheltered Workshop in order to operate on a month-to-month base situation. He indicated that the City and County money is utilized as a Title XX match situation.


The next group to appear before the joint body was the A.R.E.A. Mr. Gene Cook and Dr. Gremmels presented a request from this group. This group is a non-profit group which works to provide long-term care for alcoholism. They have purchased a building on East Ninth Street for \$12,500. They would like to request \$2,000 from the City to help on the payment of the building. This is a one-time request only and would not be repeated in subsequent year. The group wanted as much anonymity as possible in their work due to the patients' feelings concerning the subject matter. The Council felt that a decision from Corporation Counsel would be in order to determine whether the Council could legally make donations to this group.

The next group to appear before the Group was the Youth Counselor Program. Diane Schlachter and John Kirchner appeared before the Council. They gave a report concerning the statistics on caseloads for the Youth Counselor Program. The total request from the City was \$13,919 increased from \$12,000 in the current year while the request from the County is \$3,480 increased from \$2,700 in the current year. She indicated that the flexibility of the program is that it goes outside of the school in the academics and into the home environment. Federal funding was no longer available starting next year. The program has been in existence for approximately three years and there have been three employees. There was some concern on the part of the body that some consistency was needed. The salary in the past had not been competitive and had been increased for that reason.

The Council and County discussed the need for some potential coordination of funding for these agencies. United Way indicated that it would be a benefit to have some joint budget for all the bodies to review. No specific determination was made of how to pursue the joint decision making.



Karl Nollenberger



Ernest L. Schauland
Mayor

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGENCIES

in 1978/79

Agency	City		County	
	Actual 1978/79	Budget Request 1979/80	Actual 1978/79	Budget Request 1979/80
Commission on Aging	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,860	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000
Meals on Wheels	4,843	5,183	-0-	-0-
Sheltered Workshop	10,000	11,000	21,400	24,000
Community Nursing Services	28,000	31,000	28,000	34,000
Muscatine Humane Society	3,000	7,000	2,244	2,244
Muscatine Legal Services	5,950	6,250	6,000	6,300
S.C.A.R.F.	7,143	11,357	12,124	19,692
A.R.E.A.	-0-	2,000	-0-	-0-
Great River Mental Health - Youth Counselor	12,000	13,919	2,700	3,480
Other Services	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>102,286</u>	<u>165,000</u> (approx.)
	<u>\$ 94,936</u>	<u>\$112,569</u>	<u>\$188,754</u>	<u>\$269,716</u> + Mental Health