

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION  
FEBRUARY 9, 1991 - CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

The City Council held a budget review session on Saturday, February 9, 1991, to review Police, Fire, and Civil Defense Operations. The session began at 8:05 a.m. Present were: Mayor John Keig; Council Members Harder, Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, and York. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Director of Finance and Records David Casstevens.

I. Police Operations

The first review session concerned Police operations. Present were Police Chief Gary Coderoni, Asst. Chief Ron King, and Captains Rob Yant and Robert Torgerson. An overview of the department's goals and objectives for 1990/91 and their status report was presented to City Council. Following that, the City Administrator made an overview of the proposed revised 1990/91 budget and the proposed 1991/92 budget. Police Chief Gary Coderoni explained programs within his budget: accreditation, requests for a community service officer, requests for rank of corporal, and the inclusion of a K-9 unit.

Also discussed were capital projects including the purchase of a computer system. There was also discussion concerning additional monies for training and education for crime prevention, accreditation, and the DARE program.

II. Animal Control

There was discussion concerning the Animal Control Operation. The largest item included in the Animal Control Budget was the replacement of a pick-up truck. Also, the performance of the current animal control officer was reviewed with a consensus that the job was being done well.

III. Communications

An overview of the Communications budget was made. There was also discussion concerning the future of communications in conjunction with the new county jail and the possibility of a joint communications center or operations in the future. There also followed general discussion concerning all the department's activities.

The next item for Council review was the Fire Department. Present were Fire Chief Jim Pumfrey and Asst. Chiefs Steve Dalbey and Steve Ziegenhorn. An overview of the budget was made with questions being raised concerning

the "Learn not to Burn" program presented in local grade schools. There was also discussion concerning the possible need of a pre-employment agreement to incorporate non-smokers and the risk of termination for smokers who violate the agreement.


An overview of the Travel and Training budget was given by the City Administrator indicating that monies had been established for the National Fire Academy to be able to send 13 individuals from the department. Also, monies would be backed out of the budgets if those individuals were not accepted.

Under Capital Review, there was discussion concerning items that had been recommended be removed from the budget request. The City Administrator reviewed with Council his intention to consider any "swap" for dollar for dollar items in the Capital with department heads. This review is ongoing. The one large item left in the Capital budget for Council consideration is the purchase of a new fire truck. The estimated cost is \$175,000 and it would take approximately 12-18 months for delivery. There was general comment from the fire officials concerning the age and the mechanical difficulty experienced with the two oldest units within the department. Chief Pumfrey also reviewed his additional request for Haz-Mat equipment for the department. There was general discussion concerning whether or not the City should be equipping itself with that type of response.

With no further items to discuss, the Council then moved on to Civil Defense matters. It was noted there were no substantive changes in the Civil Defense budget at this time.

City Council adjourned their meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Administrator