

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL  
Council Chambers - February 21, 1991 - 7:30 p.m.

Mayor John Keig called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray present.

Pastor Roger Miller of the First Christian Church gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Brian Costas of Nichols, Iowa, told Councilmembers that he had applied for a grant through the State of Iowa to do repair work and remodeling on property located at 514 Walnut Street. He stated that he needed written approval from the City Council in order to be eligible for the grant, and he asked that Councilmembers approve a letter of endorsement. He explained what the work would involve, noting that he would be working with local contractors and would be following the City Code. A Letter of Endorsement would complete the application.

Councilmember Kemp asked Mr. Costas if he had discussed his plans with anyone at City Hall. Mr. Costas stated that he had met with the Building Department.

Councilmember Phillips asked Mr. Costas when the Letter of Endorsement was needed. Mr. Costas stated that the application was to have been filed by February 11, 1991; however, he was granted an extension to gather the remainder of his documentation.

Councilmember York stated he felt the issue should be referred to Mr. Whittaker and action taken at an upcoming budget session.

Councilmember Harder stated that a Special City Council meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 1991, and that Councilmembers could act upon Mr. Costas's request at that time. He further stated that Councilmembers would like to review the request further before making any type of decision.

Mr. Costas told Councilmembers that the project will consist of remodeling that property, noting that he does not intend to add any additional units. He stated that a portion of the project would be funded through the Iowa Finance Authority and it is intended to benefit low income families.

Councilmember Kemp stated that he felt Councilmembers needed to see information concerning Mr. Costas's request before it could be approved.

City Administrator A.J. Johnson stated that some information was received; however, he had not had the opportunity to have it distributed to the Councilmembers. He noted that Councilmembers could take action on the request at the Saturday budget meeting.

Councilmember Harder asked City Administrator Johnson to present a recommendation at the Saturday budget meeting.

#12661. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 1991 Regular City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#12662. Councilmember Brewer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Renewal of Class B beer and Sunday sales permit for Long John Silver's #21, 2516 Park Avenue; renewal of Class E beer and Sunday sales permit for Loos', Inc., 711 Park Avenue; renewal of Class E beer and Sunday sales permit for Sun Mart #312, 807 Grandview Avenue; renewal of Class E liquor license for The Vintage Choice, 426 E. 2nd Street; filing of Communications A-K; and Bills for Approval totaling \$499,103.65. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#12663. Councilmember York moved to approve the ordinance on first reading establishing a boarding fee for riverboat gaming activities. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and ordinance approved on first reading.

#12664. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the pre-application amendment request to the City's application for federal funding for airport improvements to Anderson Engineering to include the digitizing of all airport layout maps on auto-cad disc in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Seconded by Councilmember Freese.

Councilmember Harder asked who would be responsible for the \$30,000 expenditure if the grant was not approved.

Mr. Whittaker stated that the digitizing would take place only if the grant was approved, noting that a tentative announcement of the approval would be made in April. He further stated that once the announcement is made, the City could proceed with such items as the runway work.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#12665. Councilmember Freese moved to approve the authorization of the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement between the City of Muscatine and the Muscatine Association of Fire Fighters #1672. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

#12666. Councilmember Gray moved to approve the request to establish the Annual Spring Clean-Up Week for the week of April 22-26, 1991. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#12667. Councilmember York moved the resolution be approved authorizing the execution and recording of the Resolution of Trust between the City and the federal government in connection with the City's application and receipt of federal housing-related funding. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Councilmember Phillips welcomed the Leadership Muscatine group.

#12668. Councilmember Kemp moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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John Keig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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A.J. Johnson, City Administrator