

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Keig.

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

Councilmember York gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

#12672. Councilmember Kemp moved the minutes of the February 21, 1991 Regular City Council meeting be approved. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember Harder stated that the first paragraph of the minutes should be amended to read that the Mayor called the meeting to order.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#12673. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Renewal of Class C liquor license for The Elms, 2108 Grandview Avenue; renewal of Class B beer and Sunday sales permit for Rudy's Tacos, 2220 Park Avenue; renewal of Class C beer and Sunday sales permit for Holiday Stationstore #10, 502 Grandview Avenue; renewal of Class C liquor license and Sunday sales permit for Diamond Dave's Taco Company; filing of Communications A-M; and bills totaling \$371,484.07. Seconded by Councilmember Gray.

Councilmember York stated it was his understanding that only Item 9A was being included in the Consent Agenda.

Kevin Whittaker, Acting City Administrator, stated that Councilmember York was correct.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Keig stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the City of Muscatine's proposed 1991/92 budget.

Ed Carroll, an attorney representing Craig Drake, stated that he had supplied Councilmembers with a letter from Mr. Drake expressing his support for the inclusion of sanitary sewer service to the proposed Field of Dreams subdivision in the City's capital projects budget for fiscal year 1991/92.

Mr. Carroll told Councilmembers that Mr. Drake is now in the process of rezoning the property off Tipton Road from R-1 to R-L. He also stated that development of the proposed subdivision is contingent upon providing a sanitary sewer service and rezoning.

Councilmember Kemp commended Mr. Drake for choosing to develop within the City of Muscatine.

Councilmember Brewer stated that he felt residents should be made aware that monies for the sewer extension would not be derived from City taxes but would come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund, noting that these funds would be repaid as people hook up to the sewer line.

David Casstevens, Finance Director, stated that the Geneva Creek Sewer Project has been included in the City's proposed 1991/92 budget under capital projects. He told Councilmembers that the total cost of the project will be approximately \$120,000 with 50% of the funding derived from the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Casstevens, speaking in reference to the proposed 1991/92 budget, stated that the City will see a 7% increase over last year's tax levy. He presented an overhead showing the breakdown of the tax levy in the various City funds. He then explained how residential taxes will be increased only 6 1/2% because of a change in the State rollback adjustment. Average residential taxes paid last year were approximately \$408.94 and that amount will increase by approximately \$26.54 to \$435.48 for fiscal year 1991/92.

Memos were received from both the Library Board of Trustees and the Art Center Board of Trustees voicing their opposition to reductions made in their respective budgets.

Councilmember Kemp pointed out that amendments made to the fiscal year 1991/92 budget could include reinstating Library and Art Center funds.

#12674. Councilmember Phillips moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Keig stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the issuance of \$640,000 of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds.

There were no written or oral petitions for or against the proposed issuance of the bonds.

#12675. Councilmember Kemp moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried.

#12676. Councilmember Brewer moved the request from the Muscatine Girls Softball Association to hold a softball tournament on May 31, June 1 and 2, 1991, be approved except for the waiver of the City's percentage of income from the leased concessions. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember York stated that he would like an explanation as to why City staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission felt this income should not go to the softball program.

Larry Wolf, Parks and Recreation Director, told Councilmembers that allocation of the revenues derived from concessions to the softball association would require an addendum to the present contract, noting that it does expire this year. City staff would like the opportunity to review the request and the possible ramifications that such a request might bring.

Mr. Wolf stated that the request involves the percentage of sales that is paid to the City. He noted that this would create a problem with the contract.

Councilmember Kemp stated that he felt a precedent was being set by charging admission for entrance to a public park.

Mr. Wolf pointed out that this has been going on for many years on several levels, including both youth leagues and college and high school ball games.

Councilmember Kemp stated that it was his understanding that only the west end of the park will be closed.

Mr. Wolf stated that people will be able to enter the park from Oneida Street.

Councilmember Gray asked Mr. Wolf if he felt the softball association would not participate in this program if the request was not approved as submitted.

Mr. Wolf stated that he felt the softball association would participate in the program.

Councilmember Gray asked what was contained in Councilmember Brewer's motion, and Councilmember Brewer stated the wording contained in the motion was the same as what was presented in the agenda and would not allocate the City's concession revenues to the softball association.

Vote - Six ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, York, Harder, and Gray. One nay: Councilmember Kemp. Motion carried.

#12677. Councilmember Kemp moved the proclamation be approved declaring March 3-9, 1991 as "Save Your Vision Week". Seconded by Councilmember Brewer.

Councilmember York stated that he felt optometrists in the community should be commended for their efforts to provide free eye care to poverty-stricken senior citizens in our community.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Keig stated that Item 10B, appointments to the Muscatine Island Flood Control Commission, had been deleted from the agenda.

Mayor Keig administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Arthur Paul Anderson.

#12678. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the ordinance on second reading to establish a boarding fee for riverboat gaming activities and that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be approved on final reading and published in the Muscatine Journal as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Harder.

Councilmember York stated that it was his understanding that the ordinance must be approved on second reading and that separate action should be taken to suspend the rules and approve it on final reading. Mr. Whittaker stated that Councilmember York was correct.

Councilmembers Kemp and Harder both agreed to withdraw their original motion.

#12679. Councilmember Kemp moved the ordinance be approved on second reading to establish 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 second reading.

#12680. Councilmember Kemp moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be approved on final reading establishing a boarding fee for riverboat gaming activities and that it be published in the Muscatine Journal as required by law. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and ordinance approved on final reading.

#12681. Councilmember Freese moved the resolution be approved adopting the City of Muscatine's fiscal year 1991/92 proposed budget. Seconded by Councilmember Brewer. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#12682. Councilmember York moved the resolution be approved providing for the issuance of \$640,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds and providing for the levy of taxes to pay same. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#12683. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be approved setting a public hearing on March 21, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the Sunset Park and Clark House improvements under the CIAP 1990 program. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#12684. Councilmember Brewer moved to approve housing rehabilitation applications 202 A and B and 203 A and B. Seconded by Councilmember York.

Councilmember York stated that he felt the Community Development department should be commended for their rehabilitation work, noting that the families chosen to participate in this program were indeed qualified.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Councilmember York stated that he felt the City should support the members of the National Guard when they return home.

Councilmember Kemp suggested the possibility of preparing a proclamation in honor of the service people returning home.

Councilmember Harder stated that President Bush has announced that July 4 will be recognized as the national homecoming date for returning soldiers.

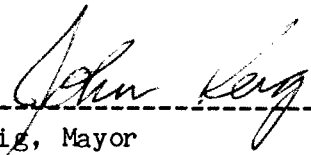
Councilmember Freese asked for information from Police Chief Gary Coderoni concerning the proposed project to clean up the City.

Chief Coderoni stated that the project is in its infancy stages. He told Councilmembers that the idea to use youth groups for the proposed project was fostered by the community relations officer and that no cash will be involved. He stated that various youth groups are being contacted to determine the interest level for the proposed project. Once the weather permits, organized groups will begin cleaning up different areas of the City.

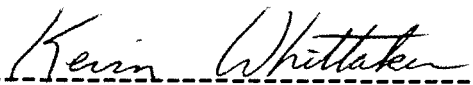
Kevin Whittaker, Acting City Clerk, told Councilmembers that demolition of the brick wall on Mississippi Drive would begin Monday, noting that once the wall is down the area would be back-filled and seeded. He stated that the IDOT has been notified that one lane of traffic would be closed during the demolition process. Work should be completed by Wednesday or Thursday.

#12685. Councilmember Kemp moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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John Keig, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kevin Whittaker, Acting City Clerk