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## IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

MARCH 14, 1991, 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council In-depth Meeting was called to order on March 14, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor John Keig.

Council Members present: Phillips, Harder, Brewer, Gray, York, Freese and Kemp.

Staff present: A.J. Johnson, City Administrator; David Casstevens, Director of Finance and Records; Don Freel, Director of Water Pollution Control Plant; Larry Wolf, Director of Parks and Recreation; Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator.

Before the agenda items were discussed, Mr. Cameron Moore, Executive Vice-President of the Muscatine Development Corporation was present to introduce himself to the City Council. Mr. Moore, recently hired by the Development Corporation, thanked the City Council for its financial support for the Development Corporation and looked forward to working with Council and staff on development related projects in the future.

The first item on the City Council's agenda was a Water Pollution Control rate study review. The City Administrator, A.J. Johnson, introduced Mr. Pat Mullin of Stanley Consultants, Inc. who reviewed the process for developing the rate review for the City. Also present was Mr. Brian Roth of Stanley Consultants, Inc. who helped Mr. Mullin in the development of the rate recommendations. Following Mr. Mullin's presentation, Councilmember Brewer raised a question concerning the degree of rate increase. There was general discussion among Councilmembers concerning the need for rate increase for projects already undertaken. A cautionary note was sounded by Councilmembers as to thoroughly investigating any future projects that need to be supported by sanitary sewer rates. There was also a question by Councilmember Harder as to how special rates were incentives are dealt with in light of EPA regulations for rate setting. Mr. Mullin stated that there is some flexibility by City Council toward the capitalization of services brought to new industries. The City Administrator stated that the first ordinance for rate adjustment will be on the March 21st City Council Agenda.

The next item for City Council consideration was a riverboat gaming activities update. City Administrator Johnson updated the Council as to activities associated with the opening of riverboat gaming in Muscatine on April 3. Administrator Johnson reviewed a written report presented to City Council by Peg Heither, Tourism Developer, for the Pearl City Authority. Since January 1991, Council has allowed the diversion of tourism funds from the Chamber of Commerce to be used by the Pearl City Development Authority to secure the services of a coordinator to help coordinate promotional activities for the community in association with riverboat gaming. Aside from the promotional activities which are underway, the City Administrator, as well as Larry Wolf, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mr. Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator, reviewed plans for the physical

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alterations to Pearl City Station and for the placement of informational signs at Pearl City Station Association for Riverboat Gaming. It was also questioned concerning whether or not contact could be to the Sioux Line Railroad and the possibility of assisting them in moving their switch yard. Contact has been made and followup information will be provided. It was also noted that approval of the placement of signs for the directions for riverboat gaming will be presented to City Council at their March 21st meeting for approval.

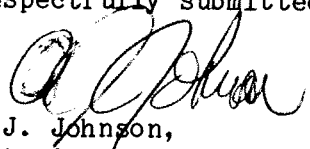
#12686. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the resolution establishing the positions of Accountant, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, and Program Supervisor and dropping the position of Recreation Supervisor within the Pay and Classification Plan. All ayes: Councilmembers Brewer, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, York, Harder, and Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Under comments, Don Freel, Director of Water Pollution Control advised the City Council of two items concerning his department's operations. First, is concerning the disinfection process. He stated that the City has the plans and specifications approved for the design of the disinfection system. The second phase would be the implementation or the bidding of the system. The City is now in receipt of an Administrative Order stating that we can now test to see if, in fact, the City needs to disinfect. There is a long and complicated process to go through, but the bottom line being that we may advert having to spend \$500,000 on disinfection. Council was in concurrence.

The second item had to do with a joint application for storm sewer runoff at plant locations throughout the state. The City of Muscatine is one of 64 cities in a joint application to select sample sites to monitor storm water runoff at site locations. It is felt that this is the first of many regulations concerning storm water retention and possible treatment. The cities will share this joint application. The cost will be between one and two hundred dollars. There was no objection from Council.

With no further business left to conduct, it was moved by Larry Kemp to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A.J. Johnson,  
City Administrator