

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
IN-DEPTH MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1993, 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

The city council meeting of January 14, 1993, was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 7:30 PM. Roll call was taken with all members of council present. Staff members present were: City Administrator Johnson, Finance Director Casstevens, Public Works Director Hill, Building and Zoning Administrator Boka, Water Pollution Control Director Freel, City Engineer Childs, and Captain of Police Torgerson.

The first item on the agenda was a review of a request for a rinse pad and catch basin by Mr. Burt Beverly of Beverly Aerial Applicators. Beverly has requested permission from the city to construct and maintain a rinse pad and catch basin for his aerial application business. The site of the proposed pad would be in the southwest corner of the airport property near the end of the proposed extension of the main runway. The rinse pad would be used to accommodate his aerial application business. It is proposed that a lease agreement be entered into under which Mr. Beverly would build the facility to comply with all state and local requirements. After the construction is completed, the city will own the facility and for a period of 15-20 years Beverly will pay a \$1 per year annual lease. Beverly will be responsible for all maintenance and will also have to carry the appropriate insurance and state certifications for operation of such a facility. It was also noted that this agreement would be on the January 21 city council agenda for approval.

The next item on the agenda was the club house funding review. Mayor John Keig read a prepared statement concerning the fairness and equity of the proposed golf course/club house project. The mayor's statement raised questions concerning the equitableness of the proposed funding mechanism and urged council to look at this matter closely before taking any final action. Several members of council exchanged questions with the mayor and express their own opinions concerning this matter.

The next item for consideration on the agenda was the south-end sewer study review. Don Freel introduced Chuck Meyer, a representative from Stanley Consultants who was contracted by the city to prepare a study and cost estimate for a proposed south-end sewer project. Meyer gave an overview of the project, noting the proposed phase development and the associated costs with each phase and the project as a whole.

At 8:55 PM, the mayor requested a 5-minute recess. At 9:00 PM council continued discussion on this matter.

Johnson noted that "under worse case," the sanitary sewer users--residential, industrial, and commercial--would be responsible for picking up the cost of any improvement to the south-end sewer

through the rate structure. For example, it was noted that the project would cost the average residential user between 40-50% more. The mayor called upon Mr. Larry Koshire, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water, to comment on the ongoing aquifer study and the importance of having sanitary sewer in connection with the safety and integrity of the city's water supply. It was also noted that this item will be discussed further during city council's budget session.

The next item on the agenda was the review of the special events ordinance. The first review of the special events ordinance was made in October 1992. Since that time, copies of the ordinance have been sent to the various groups who use city property and hold annual special events throughout the city. Johnson reported that he had received two comments, both positive, concerning the ordinance and that it would be placed on the January 21 agenda for first reading.

The proposed improvements to Mulberry Avenue were the next items to be reviewed on the agenda. Childs reviewed with council the proposed schedule for improvements and also noted that on Sunday, January 24, at 2:00 PM, a neighborhood meeting would be held to inform residents of the proposed project, time schedule, and cost estimates. It should be noted that this will be the second industrial connector route that the city will undertake with improvements to roadway, storm sewer, and sidewalks.

The last item on the agenda for review by city council was the transfer station update. Hill was present, along with Boka and Asst. Water Pollution Control Director Payne, to share with council the progress of the transfer station development. It was also noted that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, at 7:00 PM at the water pollution control building to share with area residents updates on the transfer plan, a proposed site for the facility, and to answer any questions they may have concerning the project. A number of items surrounding the project were discussed; i.e., the cost of the project, the layout of the buildings, usage, recycling, etc.

There were no comments from council members and the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kemp, seconded by Freese, at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


A.J. Johnson
City Administrator