MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET REVIEW SESSION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1993 LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

The budget session was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 8:00 AM. Council Members present: Dan Gray, Ralph Freese, Larry Kemp, and Glenn Moench. Council Member Phil Fitzgerald arrived at 8:02 and Jeanette Phillips arrived at 8:04. Also present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Finance Director David Casstevens.

Johnson presented an overview of the proposed budget schedule and the process he would recommend council go through when establishing the proposed budget for 1993/94. It was noted that a separate goals and objectives handbook was distributed to council members. Throughout the proceedings if council had questions on the goals and objectives status of the various departments, they were to refer to the book. Otherwise, there would be no reference to them during budget sessions. Council Member Phil Fitzgerald commented he would like to see an updated list of the goals actually accomplished during the last fiscal year. Other council members concurred.

The first item on the agenda was an overview of general fund activities. The first item reviewed was city council activities, followed by legal services, and city administrator.

Finance and Records and Computer Hardware and Maintenance were then reviewed. After discussion concerning the personnel allotment for computer maintenance activities, it was determined by council to direct staff to come up with reasonable alternatives in order to address the city's growing computer maintenance and education needs as well as the void it may leave in the current Building and Zoning Department. From there we moved to Risk Management and a general discussion of safety issues. Building and Grounds was the next area of review with a discussion of how JTPA program people fit into the department's activities.

The council then turned its attention to public safety issues within the Police Department, Animal Control, Communications, and Fire Operations.

Civil Defense, Library and Art Center operations were also discussed. With no other budget items to consider for the day, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

(Budget minutes for FY1993/94 sessions will show a general overview of items discussed during each budget review session. If a particular decision or action was taken, it will be noted. Otherwise, general discussion will not be recorded.)

Respectfully submitted,

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator