

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1993, 4:30 PM
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

The city council budget session of Monday, February 8, 1993, was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 4:30 PM. Present were council members Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Glenn Moench, and Phil Fitzgerald. Council Member Ralph Freese joined the proceedings at 4:33 PM and Council Member ^{Larry Kemp} joined the proceedings at 4:48 PM. Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and David Casstevens, Director of Finance and Records.

The first item on the agenda was an overview of the Parks and Recreation Administration budget. During this discussion, the request for additional heavy-duty picnic tables for Pearl City Statio was discussed. There was also a question as to whether or not there could be some type of auto-light switch put on the lights at Weed Park field just below the swimming pool area.

The next item for review was recreation maintenance activities. There was discussion concerning the maintenance activities, the rejuvenation of the pond within Weed Park, and other maintenance activities that are ongoing. There was also discussion concerning the continued issue of joint facility usage and the possible exchange of property involving Iowa Field. There was discussion on how a park can be de-commissioned and to look at property that we no longer use.

The discussion then turned from an update from Parks and Recreation Director Larry Wolf and Asst. Director Ed Englehart on the Kent Stein operation and the soccer field operation. Both gentlemen gave an overview of the operations concerning construction and operational activities that will take place. There was also a review of the personnel/staffing requirements of both facilities. It was noted that there was a vacancy now within the Kent Stein Park operation along with the planned position for soccer maintenance activities. There are a number of questions concerning the schedule for completion of the soccer field, management facilities, and funding. It was noted by Johnson that funding for the soccer operation would come from the General Fund, outside agencies and user groups, time allocation from the Golf Fund and fee/concessions activities.

Following the review of soccer and Kent Stein operations, the council reviewed the cemetery operations. It was noted that this year the cemetery celebrated 150 years of operation in the city. Parks and Recreation Director Larry Wolf was also present to update the council on the city's marketing plans for the cemetery. A brochure is currently being developed and will be available very shortly to be distributed to the various mortuaries and other appropriate outlets. There were also questions on

whether or not we should establish a Catholic section of the cemetery and have a map to promote self-guided tours of the historical points of interest.

Our discussion then moved to the possibility of the sale of property at the cemetery operations is responsible for off Mulberry Avenue outside the city limits. The property was originally acquired for any future expansion that may required for the cemetery operations. In looking at revenue sources for capital projects at the cemetery, it was felt that the city may want to explore the sale of this farm property to help fun future capital improvements. Staff will investigate and report back to city council on this issue.

The next item for review was the swimming pool and recreation activities. It was noted that under the swimming pool activities, city staff is looking at the city's continued use of Carver Pool. It is becoming more and more obvious that the city is not getting its money's worth for the contribution of approximately \$30,000 each year to the Carver Swim Center. With growing demands for General Fund revenues within recreation operations, it is important that the city begin to evaluate all of the extra programs/monetary commitments they have made to ensure that we are utilizing these funds property. It was also noted that a total package concept would be used in reviewing facility usages and other issues with the school. There were no comments on recreational activities.

The Wellness Program was then reviewed. It was felt by staff and council that the wellness program/activity was well worth the dollars investment. Wellness has been an excellent program for us to be involved with. There was one comment that we should offer a basic first aid class during the wellness programs we support.

The council then moved to discussions concerning Community Development, Building and Zoning and Public Health.

With no further items to discuss, the city council adjourned its meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator