

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1993
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

The city council budget session of Wednesday, February 10, 1993, was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 4:30 PM. Present were council members Dan Gray, Glenn Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, Jeanette Phillips, Ralph Freese, and Larry Kemp. Council Member Gary Gray joined at 5:45 PM.

Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Director of Finance and Records David Casstevens.

First items on the agenda were the subsidies for the Airport and Transit Operations. It was noted that a general fund subsidy is made on behalf of airport operation which covers the deficit of revenue versus expenditure within the airport operation. The transit subsidy is the General Fund subsidy of transit funds levied and transferred to the Transit operation.

The Cable operation was then reviewed. Most of the discussion concerned the possible raising of the franchise fee from three to five percent. There were also questions concerning the number of users within the cable system and the demographics of those users. The questions concerning a possible senior rebate on fees, collection of franchise fees outside the city limits and the possibility of using cable monies to outfit police cars with cameras.

The Golf Course and Airport Operations were reviewed next. During the Airport operations review, the recently announced FAA grant for Phase II improvements was reviewed with city council. Staff also reviewed the parking system and noted that the city commitment for \$5,000 for a downtown planning study would be funded out of this. Also, the city discussed the possibility of selling land they owned at the intersection of Second and Iowa that was originally purchased from parking proceeds. If the sale were to go through then those proceeds would then be put back into the parking fund.

Boat Harbor operations were then discussed by council. It was noted that at the city council meeting of Tuesday, February 16, a more comprehensive overview of boat harbor operations would be presented to city council. It was noted that it is projected that a 5 percent increase in boat harbor fees would be needed to finance maintenance and capital projects already committed for.

Council then turned its attention to Refuse Collection, Landfill, and Transfer Station operations. It was noted that there would be a proposed increase in refuse collection effective July 1, 1993, which would result in a new base rate of \$7.00 per month and another proposed increase January 1, 1994, which would take that base rate to \$7.50

per month. It was also noted that during refuse collection which included leaf pickup operation in 1992 the city spent \$23,000 which equates to \$1.00 per capita for this service. It was noted that in combination, the three activities represent an ever-changing environment which would more than likely dictate in the future various levels of charges for services to be rendered.

With no further items to review, city council adjourned at 8:23 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