

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m. - January 6, 1994

Mayor Jeanette Phillips called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Phil Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, O'Brien, Moench, Dan Gray, Freese, and Gary Gray present.

Councilmember Freese gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

#13447. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 1993 Regular City Council meeting and the December 22, 1993 Special Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember O'Brien. All ayes; motion carried.

#13448. Councilmember Moench moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: New Class C liquor license and Sunday sales permit for Corner Stone Pub, 201 West 2nd Street (subject to receipt of insurance); renewal of Class B liquor license and Sunday sales permit for Hotel Muscatine, 101 West Mississippi Drive (pending inspections); renewal of Class C beer and Sunday sales permit for Muscatine Mustang Market, 714 Grandview Avenue (pending inspections); filing of Communications A-E; and bills totaling \$876,122.52. Seconded by Councilmember Gary Gray. All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Phillips stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the annual ADA Paratransit Plan update.

City Administrator A.J. Johnson introduced Patrick Weidemann of the Bi-State Commission, who has been working with the City's transportation staff in addressing the ADA requirements.

Mr. Weidemann told Councilmembers that the City will be in full ADA compliance by July 1, 1994. He stated that the City is also well within the budget for the original plan and that updates will still be required even though the City is in compliance with the requirements.

Councilmember Moench stated that he feels it is important for the City to bring the taxpayers' money back into the community. He stated that the City has applied for and received the following federal funds for the Transit System: 1991/92, \$126,917; 1992/93, \$212,667; and 1993/94, \$204,090.

Mr. Weidemann stated that Muscatine is the first of his four transit systems to be in full compliance with ADA requirements.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the update.

#13449. Councilmember Dan Gray moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes; motion carried.

Dennis Cavner, representing the Monsanto Corporation, stated that Monsanto is donating a foam pumping fire truck to the City of Muscatine and that he felt the truck's foam fire suppression capabilities would add to the City's Fire Department.

Mayor Phillips thanked Mr. Cavner and Monsanto Corporation on behalf of the City of Muscatine.

Steve Dalbey, Fire Chief, also thanked Monsanto for its donation. He told Councilmembers that the relationship between the City's Fire Department and Monsanto started many years ago. He stated that tonight's donation is an indication of how the Fire Department has benefitted from this relationship.

#13450. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved the proclamation be approved declaring January 1994 as "Blood Donor Month". Seconded by Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#13451. Councilmember Dan Gray moved the resolution be adopted approving the 1994 ADA Paratransit Plan update for the City's transportation system. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, O'Brien, Dan Gray, Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13452. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on January 13, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the City's update of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, O'Brien, Dan Gray, Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13453. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to allow the City's Police Department to participate in a joint law enforcement activity aimed at combatting gang and drug activity in the Quad Cities area. Seconded by Councilmember Moench.

Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald stated that he felt the Neighborhood Task Force Project was an excellent project.

Gary Coderoni, Police Chief, stated that Muscatine has been struggling with gang and drug activity for many years and that approval of this memorandum would allow the availability of Task Force members at all times. He told Councilmembers that the Task Force

would have an office located in Davenport which would be shared with the Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG). He stated that a member of the City's Police Department will work in Davenport as a part of the Task Force and that the Task Force would come to Muscatine as the need arises. He pointed out that members of the Task Force have federal marshal authority and that this is the only program that covers a two state area. He ended by stating that he felt this Task Force will help with the gang problems in our community.

Councilmember Moench stated that he felt this program should help keep crime from moving from the Quad City area to Muscatine.

Chief Coderoni stated that this program would allow law enforcement officials to follow the crimes. He then stated that the City can leave this project at any time.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#13454. Councilmember Dan Gray moved to approve the resolution releasing the real estate mortgage under the Community Development Residential Rehabilitation Conservation Grant Program for Case #117. Seconded by Councilmember O'Brien. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, O'Brien, Dan Gray, Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13455. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved to approve the appointments to the Region IX Transportation Policy and Technical Advisory Committees as follows: Richard O'Brien, policy committee; and Ray Childs, Kevin Whittaker and Kathy Meier to the technical committee. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator A.J. Johnson stated that prior to the meeting he had given Councilmembers copies of two schedules. He stated that the first schedule is regarding informational meetings to be held concerning the 1% local option sales tax. He told Councilmembers that locations for these upcoming meetings were chosen in conjunction with polling places.

Mayor Phillips asked if people can attend all of the meetings, and City Administrator Johnson answered yes.

City Administrator Johnson stated that the other schedule pertains to the City's budget review sessions scheduled for February. He pointed out that the meetings will be held as long as there is a quorum (four members) present.

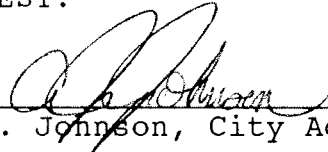
Kevin Whittaker, Community Development Director, stated that a Downtown Vision Workshop would be held Wednesday and that Councilmembers should contact the Muscatine Development Corporation by Monday to confirm their attendance, noting that it is by invitation only.

#13456. Councilmember Freese moved the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by Councilmember O'Brien. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Jeanette Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:


A.J. Johnson, City Administrator