

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1994, 8:00 AM
CITY HALL - LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The city council budget session was called to order by Mayor Jeanette Phillips. Council Members present were: Gary Gray, Dan Gray, Kevin Fitzgerald, Ralph Freese, Dick O'Brien, and Glenn Moench. Council Member Phil Fitzgerald was absent.

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

The budget process began with a staff overview of the city's current and projected financial condition in dealing with general fund expenditure. An overview was given on the legislative effects on the local general fund; i.e., roll backs and equalization reviews. Staff also reviewed the proposed budget schedule.

The first budget for review was that of the mayor and council. After reviewing the material, questions were raised concerning the travel and education and the possible development of a policy for council to follow. There was discussion on the Legal, City Administration, and Personnel budgets.

The finance operations were reviewed along with the computer hardware operations. An overview of a proposal to staff a computer position was reviewed. There was a review of risk management/insurance purchasing for the city. Council then proceeded through Building and Grounds, Police Operations, Communications, and Animal Control. Under Animal Control, council member Gary Gray shared with council his concern and options for financing the city's contribution rate to the humane society which is proposed at \$24,000 for the next fiscal year.

Following that discussion, council review the fire operations and civil defense activities. It was noted council would like to have Muscatine County Civil Defense Director Jeff Carter present an overview of the civil defense operations at an upcoming in-depth meeting.

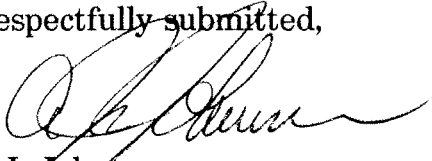
The next item was the Library budget. Council reviewed the requests as submitted. Present to speak on the Library's behalf were Board of Trustee Members Jim Weaver and Grace King. They noted the continued operation between the city and the library board of directors concerning library funding and support and appreciated that. They

also requested the \$16,000 eliminated from the budget request be put back in, using monies from the cable fund. Council reviewed the art center budget also.

Council then review parks administration, the cemetery, and the wellness budget.

With no further business to discuss, council adjourned at 3:28 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