

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1994, 4:30 PM
CITY HALL - LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The budget review session was called to order by Mayor Jeanette Phillips at 4:48 p.m. Present: Phillips, G. Gray, D. Gray, P. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, Freese, Moench, O'Brien.

Also present: City Administrator Johnson and Finance Director Casstevens.

The first item reviewed was the funding request for tourism for the next fiscal year. Ginger Dahms, Director of Tourism and Convention, reviewed the request with council. Many questions were asked regarding the services received for the 1993/94 contribution of \$70,000 and the proposed contribution of \$80,000. A request was made for a formal quarterly update for the organization on their activities.

Council reviewed the request from Mike Frye on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for a contribution of \$8,000 for activities for the Fourth of July. Council reviewed the issue and unanimously voted not to support an activity such as this. It was felt that if the Chamber felt strongly enough about its Fourth of July activity, it should raise money from some other sources or put up the money themselves.

There was also discussion on the MDC contribution, ambulance and Crossroads.

Council reviewed the Transit operations. It was suggested the city through the cable system put out an informational brochure on "How to Ride the Bus." There was also discussion on renewing contact with the school to see if they would be interested in purchasing city transportation services.

The next item was the cable system. It was noted that after expenses, the

city would be transferring \$40,000 from the cable fund to the general fund. Other outstanding issues to be resolved would be the possible funding of a computer maintenance person, police video cameras for squad cars and future police manpower needs. Other questions centered around the fund balance which should be kept within this fund and future use of cable funds.

The golf course operations was discussed next. Staff presented an overview of the material previously submitted on this operation. It was noted that even though it was a wet season, the number of rounds played was not significantly reduced by the weather. It appeared that the fall of 1993 provided for good conditions for golfers to catch up on their game. Questions were asked whether the council wanted to consider split rates between those who are residents of the city and non-residents. This question will be forwarded to staff for appropriate review and recommendations.

There was also discussion on a capital improvement request of \$15,000 for a storage building for chemicals. It was questioned on whether or not the building currently being used for the city's penta project would be available. Prior to any final decision on the building, this issue will be investigated and resolved.

Another question was asked on whether a delivery schedule from the chemical supplier could be put together to avoid the need for large bulk storing capacity.

Council then reviewed the airport operations and parking operations.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator