

CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m. - January 19, 1995

Mayor Jeanette Phillips called the meeting to order.

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

Councilmember Freese gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Mayor Phillips stated that the presentation of the Governor's Award of Valor was postponed until the February 16, 1995 Regular City Council meeting.

#13989. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 1995 Regular City Council meeting and the January 12, 1995 In-Depth Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#13990. Councilmember Moench moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Renewal of Class C liquor license for Ina Mae's, 403 West Mississippi Drive; filing of Communications A-H; and bills totaling \$1,171,458.34. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald.

City Administrator A.J. Johnson stated that a request had been received from the Meerdink Truck Plaza, 2305 Grandview Avenue, for renewal of a Class C beer permit. He asked that this request be included with the Consent Agenda.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Phillips stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed vacation of public property involving Alley #3 in Block 56 located between Central State Bank property and the Post Office.

Chuck Coulter spoke in favor of the proposed vacation.

There were no written petitions for or against the proposed vacation.

#13991. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray. All ayes; motion carried.

#13992. Councilmember Moench moved that the proclamation be approved declaring February as "Black History Month". Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes; motion carried.

#13993. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted approving the final plat of the Oak Creek Subdivision. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13994. Councilmember Freese moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on February 2, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed rezoning of property from R-5 to C-2 on West 4th Street. Seconded by Councilmember Gary Gray.

Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald asked if this proposed rezoning would affect the Heart of Hearts Building.

City Administrator Johnson stated that the C-2 rezoning would still allow for transient activity at the Heart of Hearts Building.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13995. Councilmember O'Brien moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on February 2, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to the flood plain district of the City Code. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13996. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved the ordinance be approved on first reading vacating Alley #3 in Block 56 between Sycamore Street and Iowa Avenue. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and ordinance approved on first reading.

#13997. Councilmember Dan Gray moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the execution of the annual contributions contract between the City and the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$277,350. Seconded by Councilmember O'Brien.

Councilmember Freese asked for an update on the scattered site housing project.

Wayne Taylor, Housing Administrator, stated that Hackett Construction has started the house on Wallace Street, noting that he does not expect any of the other houses to be started this winter.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13998. Councilmember Gary Gray moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on February 2, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed improvements for the Kent Stein restroom/concession facilities. Seconded by

Councilmember Freese. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13999. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted setting the parking rates for City lots #1 and #6, indicating that all meters in Lot #1 will have 10-hour meters open to the general public and eight spaces reserved for library staff and allocating 20 spaces within Lot #6 for leased spaces for Clark House residents, four spaces with 10-hour meters and one handicap space. Seconded by Councilmember Moench.

Councilmember Moench encouraged library employees to use the City's transit system.

Councilmember Freese asked if these changes will affect the Ralph Wittich Funeral Home.

City Administrator Johnson answered no, stating that the funeral home normally rents meter hoods if they are needed.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

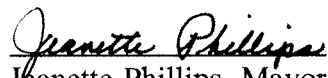
#14000. Councilmember Gary Gray moved to approve the purchase of six squad cars from Charles Gabus Ford in the amount of \$102,176 and to authorize the expenditure of \$2,700 for the changeover of emergency equipment from Communications Engineering of Iowa City. Seconded by Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator Johnson told Councilmembers that on Friday employees at the Public Works Facility will have completed one year of employment without injuries. He stated that the City is constantly stressing the importance of safety in the work place.

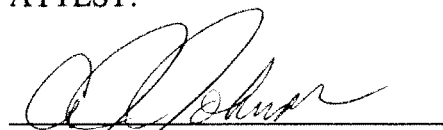
Randy Hill, Public Works Director, stated that employees at the Public Works Facility have sustained injuries; however, no one has missed work because of their injuries.

#14001. Councilmember Freese moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember O'Brien. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Jeanette Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
A.J. Johnson, City Administrator