

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - BUDGET SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1995, 4:30 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

The city council budget hearing for Wednesday, February 8, 1995, was called to order by Mayor Jeanette Phillips at 4:30 p.m. Council Members present: Gary Gray, Dan Gray, Ralph Freese, Dick O'Brien and Glenn Moench. Council Member Phil Fitzgerald joined the proceedings at 4:35 and Kevin Fitzgerald arrived at 4:45.

Staff present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Finance Director David Casstevens.

The first item on the agenda was a review of the airport subsidy and airport operations. City Administrator Johnson reviewed both the subsidy and the operations and indicated the biggest change in the subsidy was in the subsidy required. The biggest change in the operations was the request from the airport advisory commission to renew a five-year agreement with Carver Aero for airport management services. It was also mentioned that \$25,000 for a tractor has been included in the airport budget which would be funded from the Equipment Replacement Fund. There was discussion concerning whether or not the city was currently paying any drainage or levy tax at the airport.

At 4:50 p.m., the entire city council and staff adjourned to the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce to support the announcement of RAGBRAI coming to the city this summer. Council reconvened at City Hall at 5:25 p.m.

The next item on the agenda for review was the Transit Operations. It was noted that the tax levy portion of the overall tax levy was proposed to be lowered for the next fiscal year. Even with the lowering, this would still leave an additional \$50,000 in fund balance as well as the opportunity to raise the levy in future years for future use. There were various discussions on ways for the city to promote the transit system.

Council then talked about the cable fund and its operations. They talked also of replacing microphones in the council chambers, general reception for cable viewers, and other cable related issues.

At 6:45 p.m. Council Member Ralph Freese left the meeting.

Council then discussed golf course operations, including the proposed golf professional contract. Discussion on parking operations included the possibility of altering the city's holiday parking program. Discussions on the Boat Harbor included additional docks at the facility. It was noted that the boat harbor fund will be running a deficit. Council would like input from staff concerning an internal loan to the boat harbor fund to finish the project at this time.

There was general discussion concerning the city's purchasing policies, etc.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.J. Johnson".

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator