

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - IN-DEPTH MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL**

Mayor Jeanette Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council members present: Gary Gray, Freese, Dan Gray, Moench, O'Brien, Kevin Fitzgerald, and Phil Fitzgerald.

Staff present: A.J. Johnson, city administrator; Larry Wolf, parks and recreation director; Randy Hill, public works director; Ray Childs, city engineer; Lavene Payne, Solid Waste Manager; and Wayne Taylor, housing administrator.

The first item on the agenda was an overview of the construction of the recycling and transfer station. Jim Harder, project manager, was present to update city council. It is estimated that to date \$6-million of the \$7.9-million for the project has been spent. Harder reviewed upcoming changes to be submitted for council approval. It was noted council should schedule a spring tour to see the transfer station once again.

Lavene Payne presented an overview of the proposed recycling program. Also attending were Andy, Mark and Chris Ockenfels, representatives of City Carton Company of Iowa City. The presentation by staff and City Carton emphasized education, identification, and incentives for the public to begin recycling. Questions from council included markets, safety programs, office facilities, and collection activities.

Staff directed discussion to council as to how to proceed in the development of the program. If there were objections to the trailer concept to begin a phased-in recycling program, that objection or concern should be voiced soon so that council can direct staff in another area.

The next item on the agenda was the Kent Stein facilities. Childs discussed information concerning the proposed construction of two facilities at the Kent Stein Park for restroom and concessions. The city had solicited bids for a design/build process under which the city outlined broad parameters of buildings they would like to see built and having qualified contractors respond. The city had initially budgeted \$400,000 for these buildings. Through the addition of one change order and the deletion of another, the total price of the buildings were approximately \$400,000. There were questions from council concerning size, bathroom facilities, etc. There were also questions concerning whether or not we could see savings if we shortened the building. City staff responded that it would be hard to give an accurate projection of what, if any, savings would be realized if the buildings were altered in a significant fashion. This item would be presented to city council for their official consideration at the April 20 meeting.

Council took a five-minute recess at 9:03 p.m. At 9:10 the session began again.

The roadway repair/maintenance activities were discussed. Council had authorized solicitation of bids for roadway overlay material for the 1995 construction year. It was noted that the city would have approximately \$180,000 available during the 1991 construction season for overlaid type of maintenance programs and that the city had looked at approximately \$189,000 worth of projects to be considered. The advantages of this program is that we would begin to look at roadways which had marginal surface conditions. Instead of continuing a chip and seal program, the city would devote more attention and money toward an overlay program. It was noted that in some cases the roadway improvements would add an addition 5-7 years of useful life longer in some cases where there was less traffic. There were concerns raised by council concerning the industrial connector roadway system and how the city would be positioning itself for future improvements for the roadways not yet improved. It was noted that if we took this project and did an overlay on Mulberry, we might delay the need for Mulberry improvement inasmuch as the roadway improvement is one of the key factors for the Phase II of the Mulberry project. There was no consensus on the project at this time. Before any further action is taken, council will have an opportunity to review the bids and the proposed projects.

The next item on the agenda was an overview of the scattered site housing project. Previously council received staff recommendations on the possible resale of the 15 scattered site units currently under construction by the city. Taylor provided recommended actions to be taken in establishing a program for the sale of this property. There was general discussion concerning the terms and conditions under which the city would solicit participation in the program. After much discussion, it was indicated that the city should look at a 7-year forgivable program versus a 5-year program and that the distribution of the funding that the city would received from the resale would be okay as presented. Staff will return to city council at the May 4 city council meeting with formal adoption of this policy.

Under the comments section, Moench raised questions concerning the ongoing testing of the sanitary and storm sewer system by ADS Testing of Dallas, Texas. This issue was addressed by the city engineer. Also, there was action taken through a motion made by Dan Gray, seconded by Ralph Freese, to replace the stop signs previously removed from a no street. After discussion, a vote was taken and action approved by council.

Freese commented on a letter received from Mr. Green Riley. Johnson stated the issues raised by Riley would be addressed by staff to Mr. Riley.

Moved by Freese, seconded by Dick O'Brien for adjournment at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A.J. Johnson
City Administrator