

MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers - March 1, 1979 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Her Honor, Mayor Evelyn L. Schauland.

Roll Call: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen present.
Ald. Robinson absent.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Jamison.

The Plledge of Allegiance was given.

#3508. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the In Depth Council meeting of February 8, 1979. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes; motion carried.

#3509. Ald. Rada moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 15, 1979. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Arthur Howe, 16 Colony Drive, spoke regarding the proposal to discontinue the Levee Improvement Commission and establish a Levee Improvement Advisory Commission. He stated that he and others who use the boat harbor felt the Commission has done a good job over the years and that the Commission should remain as it is.

Mr. John Fifer, 1005 Iowa Avenue, read a letter submitted to Council regarding the proposed paving of Houser Street in which Council was urged to apply for FAUS funds to pave this street because of the high volume of traffic. He added that if FAUS funds are unavailable for this year, that this project should be postponed until federal funding is available.

#3510. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the renewal of a Class C beer/liquor license for Entrevest, Inc., d/b/a Warehouse Four, 228 West Second Street. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes; motion carried.

#3511. Ald. Waltman moved to table for thirty days the application for a new Class C liquor license for Charlotte Daufeldt, d/b/a C & C Lounge, 1415 Grandview Avenue. Second by Ald. Hilton. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Schauland read a proclamation proclaiming the week of March 1 -7, 1979, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week."

#3512. Ald. Platt moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming the week of March 1 -7, 1979, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week." Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Schauland read a proclamation proclaiming the week of February 26 - March 3, 1979, as "National Association for Life Underwriting Week."

#3513. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming the week of February 26 - March 3, 1979, as "National Association for Life Underwriting Week." Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Schauland and Chief of Police Don Hogan presented a life saving award to Police Officer John LeMar.

#3514. Ald. Koehrsen moved to approve the resolution setting a public hearing on March 15 at 7:20 p.m. concerning a proposed amendment to the subdivision regulations of the City of Muscatine. Second by Ald. Hilton. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#3515. Ald. Koehrsen moved to include a statement in the ordinance concerning amendment to the subdivision regulation of the City of Muscatine which would enable Council to require higher standards for roadways and that the specifications detailed

in the ordinance would be the minimum standards. Second by Ald. Kemp. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried.

#3516. Ald. Platt moved to approve the resolution approving the Meyer Mulberry Estate Subdivision subject to road surface conditions. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#3517. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the resolution approving the Adams Great River Subdivision subject to road surface conditions. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried. and resolution duly adopted.

The Council agreed to defer until the in depth meeting consideration of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

#3518. Ald. Hilton moved to approve the ordinance on third and final reading amending the Zoning Ordinance from R-5 (Residential District) to C-2 (Central Commercial District) for a parcel of property on Iowa Avenue at Fifth Street and authorize it to be published in the Muscatine Journal. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and ordinance adopted on third and final reading.

#3519. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the ordinance on second reading repealing Title VI, Chapter 2, entitled "Dogs" and enacting in lieu, thereof a new Chapter entitled "Animal Control." Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and ordinance approved on second reading.

#3520. Ald. Platt moved to approve the resolution approving the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation for a grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. Second by Ald. Koehrsen.

Ald. Koehrsen questioned whether the purchase of these four new buses would enable the City to operate four buses or whether one would still have to be kept as a standby. City Administrator Nollenberger stated that one would still have to be kept as a standby unless one of the old buses were kept which would mean having to hire an additional driver for the fourth bus.

Vote - All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#3521. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the resolution adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980. Second by Ald. Platt.

Ald. Waltman stated that he felt the position of Assistant to the Director at the Art Center should not have been cut from the budget and that this should perhaps be reconsidered. Ald. Rada agreed stating that after visiting the Art Center he felt that this facility could not be run by the two people who would remain on staff.

Ald. Kemp stated that he felt Council should stick with the budget cuts as agreed upon. He added that any time budget cuts are made there has to be less services provided.

Mayor Schauland suggested that the position at the Art Center could possibly be supported by donations from members of the Art Association.

Ald. Platt stated that if Council were to reconsider the position of Assistant to the Director at the Art Center, all other departments should be given the opportunity for reconsideration of cuts in their budgets.

Ald. Koehrsen stated that this could possibly be reinstated as a part time position or find some other item that could be cut from the overall budget.

Mr. Bill Britt, Chairman of the Muscatine County Citizens for Tax Relief, stated that he felt Council must stick with the budget cuts made or reinstate all cuts in the budget.

Vote - All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#3522. Ald. Platt moved to set a public hearing on March 15 at 7:25 p.m. regarding the Community Development Block Grant fifth year entitlement application. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

#3523. Ald. Hilton moved to approve the easement agreement between Fred and Grace Hoopes and the City of Muscatine. Second by Ald. Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#3524. Ald. Rada moved to approve the sewer connection agreement between Fred and Grace Hoopes and the City of Muscatine. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator Nollenberger gave a report on privately owned streets in south end in relation to dedication. He stated that over 80% of the people on these streets were in favor of dedication.

Ald. Platt stated that he was against condemnation to obtain dedication because the City should not have to pay the citizens to maintain their streets.

Ald. Hilton stated that she felt 100% should agree to dedication rather than paying to take over maintenance of the streets.

Mr. Willis Richman, property owner in the area, stated that a few people should not prevent the majority from receiving these services.

Ald. Platt stated that he felt staff should make one more effort to try to obtain 100% agreement for dedication.

Ald. Koehrsen moved to take no further action to obtain dedication of streets in the annexed area. Motion died for lack of second.

#3525. Ald. Platt moved to have staff make one more effort to obtain 100% agreement for dedication of streets in the annexed area. Second by Ald. Rada. Five ayes; one nay (Koehrsen). Motion carried.

City Administrator Nollenberger gave a report concerning conditions of streets in the City and recommended that an asphalt overlay program be undergone on streets which have been determined to be in the worst condition. He stated that the program would have a total cost of approximately \$130,000 which could be funded by \$80,000 in next year's budget, \$25,000 from the FY78/79 budget, and \$20,000 from revenue sharing.

Ald. Kemp stated that he felt these streets should be repaired and the revenue sharing monies should be utilized.

#3526. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the resolution approving plans, specifications and form on contract, fixing a time and place for receipt of bids, fixing a time and place for hearing and ordering publication of notice of public hearing and notice to bidders for construction of the asphalt overlay program. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

City Administrator Nollenberger gave a report concerning fire protection services outside the City limits and recommended that the City continue to provide this protection for the five organizations already receiving this service.

Ald. Kemp stated that he felt Lutheran Homes should also be required to pay some stipend for this service.

Mr. Willard Stromvall, Administrator at the Lutheran Homes, stated that the

organization is willing to pay for this service.

#3527. Ald. Platt moved to accept the five organizations currently receiving fire protection services from the City under the grandfather clause and to renegotiate contracts with the four now paying for this service and to negotiate a contract with Lutheran Homes to provide for payment to the City for this service. Second by Ald. Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#3528. Ald. Waltman moved to receive and file communications received. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes; motion carried.

#3529. Ald. Kemp moved to approve bills totaling \$231,064.22 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

Ald. Kemp reported that the Traffic Committee had discussed a letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Baer, 914 Leroy Street, concerning parking on Leroy.

#3530. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the request from Mr. John Thompson to have the Melon City Criterium on May 27th in and adjacent to Weed Park with the stipulation that their insurance policy will be filed with the City. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes; motion carried.

Ald. Kemp reported that the request from Mr. Art Howe to lessen enforcement of double parking in the downtown area had been rejected by the Traffic Committee. He also reported that the request for vacation of half block of Linn Street to provide long term parking for Ina Mae's had been rejected.

#3531. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the Traffic Committee's recommendation to have two hour parking on 1/2 block of Linn Street on the west side next to Ina Mae's. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

#3532. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the Traffic Committee's recommendation to remove the stop sign on Hershey Avenue at Clinton Street and to install a flashing yellow light at this location. Second by Ald. Waltman. Five ayes; one nay (Rada). Motion carried.

Ald. Waltman stated that he felt a barricade should be put up at the Old Central Junior High site where the sidewalk was torn up to prevent anyone from being injured.

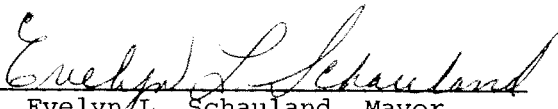
City Administrator Nollenberger requested that a special meeting be held on March 29 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Capital Improvements Program for 1979/80. Council agreed.

#3533. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the resolution approving a change in a sewer agreement between the City of Muscatine and Charles G. Sleichter, Jr. Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#3534. Ald. Waltman moved to approve the resolution proposing to discontinue the Levee Improvement Commission and setting a public hearing on March 8 at 7:05 p.m. on such proposal. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Waltman, Rada, Hilton, Kemp and Koehrsen. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Mayor Schauland suggested that the City hold a "Swap Meet" where unwanted items could be sold or traded. Council felt this was a good suggestion.

#3535. Ald. Platt moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.


Evelyn L. Schauland, Mayor

Attest:


Karl Nollenberger, City Clerk