

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - IN-DEPTH MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992, 7:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor John Keig called the City Council In-depth Meeting of January 9, 1992, to order at 7:30 PM. A roll call was taken with the following members present: Fitzgerald, Moench, Kemp, Phillips, Freese, G. Gray

Absent: D. Gray

Staff present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Finance Director David Casstevens, and Fire Chief Steve Dalbey.

The first item on the agenda was an update and review of the proposed change in the Human Rights Ordinance. Bill Trent, a member of the Human Rights Commission, was present to explain the proposed changes to Council. The changes proposed would bring the human rights ordinance in alignment with the current state code concerning human rights activity and it also makes adjustment from a "processing" agency to an education and informational agency. This will be presented to City Council for consideration of the first reading of the ordinance at the January 16 City Council Meeting.

The second item on the agenda for consideration was the approval of labor contracts for the public works and police departments. It was moved by Larry Kemp, seconded by Glenn Moench to approve the contract as submitted. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes (6-0 approved).

The next item on the agenda was an overview of drug task force agreement. This agreement would be between the City of Muscatine, Muscatine County Sheriff's office, and the Muscatine County Attorney's office. This would formalize the current ongoing informal drug enforcement activities between the three agencies. By enactment of the agreement, the city will now be eligible for state and federal funds to assist in this effort. With no questions from Council Members, it was determined to place this on the January 16, 1992, City Council for formal action.

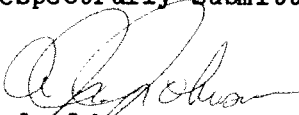
The next item for review was an overview of the proposed civil defense budget for 1992/93. The city administrator presented an overview of the budget that will be presented formally to Council during their budget review schedules. Council Members raised questions concerning the increase in the salary base for the emergency services director, how it was associated with E911 and whether there would still be some future tie into that project once it is operational and to look at the equipment needs for 1992-93. The Mayor informed Council Members he would be reviewing these issues with the Muscatine Civil Defense Committee very shortly.

The next item on the agenda was a budget schedule review presentation by the City Administrator. The City Administrator presented an overview of the budget as it looked at this point in time and indicated things were going to be extremely tight in projected revenue. A truly "status quo" budget requests were being submitted by the department heads for consideration. An overview was given concerning the proposed budget review schedule. The change noted was that department heads will not be present during the review period. If specific questions or problems arise, then additional information and/or the presence of the department will be requested. This proposed schedule complies with Council's request to streamline the budget review process. Also, there was a reminder that the City will be scheduling a session with Tim Shields, Director of the Institute of Public Affairs, University of Iowa, for a goal setting session on January 20.

The last item on the City Council's formal agenda was an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). City Administrator presented an overview stating that the City would have to be in compliance on January 26, 1992, and is currently working in areas such as personnel, programming, and accessibility. A number of issues will be raised during the budget review session which are particularly attuned to the ADA and the costs to the City in providing these services. It was also mentioned that being a new piece of federal legislation, there are sure to be changes either from legislation or litigation in the next year or two.

At 8:55 PM City Council entered a closed session to review labor negotiations strategy. They left closed session at 9:25 PM on a motion by Larry Kemp, seconded by Jeanette Phillips. Approved by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by a motion by Larry Kemp, seconded by Jeanette Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,



A.J. Johnson
City Administrator