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CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers - February 6, 1986 - 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Waltman.

Roll Call: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp.

Father J. Michael Engels of the Trinity Episcopal Church gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Waltman informed the audience that Boy Scouts from various troops in Muscatine were participating in this evening's meeting. He introduced Rob Page as the acting mayor. Rob then introduced the Scouts.

Public Hearing

Mayor Waltman stated the public hearing was being held on the proposed purchase of three (3) new Public Transit Vehicles.

There were no oral comments for or against the proposed purchase.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#9391. Councilmember Amerine moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#9392. Councilmember Sayles moved the minutes of the January 16, 1986 Regular Council Meeting be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Harder. All ayes; motion carried.

Otto Parker, 603 Hope Ave., Chairman of the Boy Scout Committee, thanked the City for the courtesy extended to the Boy Scouts.

Todd Chelf, one of the Boy Scouts participating in the Council meeting, submitted a traffic item the Scouts felt should be studied. He stated the Scouts felt the two-way stop at the corner of West Fulliam Avenue and Logan Street should be changed to a four-way stop, noting the area is mostly residential, and that children do play at the park located on the corner.

#9393. Councilmember York moved that the item submitted by the Scouts be referred to the Traffic Committee for investigation. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

#9394. Councilmember Powell moved the request for a new Class E Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Petro-N-Provisions, 1010 Park Ave. - C.G.C. Stores, Inc., be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#9395. Councilmember Amerine moved to approve the following requests: 1) Renewal of Class C Liquor License for Muscatine Labor Activities, Inc., 222 W. 2nd St. - Muscatine Labor Activities, Inc.; 2) renewal of Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Peking Palace Restaurant, 1107 Grandview Ave. - Yung Hud Su; 3) renewal of Class C Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Casey's General Store, 913 Mississippi

Drive - Casey's General Stores, Inc.; 4) renewal of Class B Beer and Sunday Sales Permit for Long John Silver's #21, 2516 Park Ave. - Ellis I. Levitt and Central Management Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#9396. Councilmember Sayles moved that claims filed against the City by Paul J. and Lou Dell Jasper, and Steven Thomas Barnes, be referred to the City Attorney and insurance company. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#9397. Councilmember Powell moved the resolution approving a cigarette permit for Petro-N-Provisions, 1010 Park Ave., be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Mayor Waltman recommended the appointments of Glen Stelzner to the Plumbing Examiners Board and Rochelle Conway to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#9398. Councilmember Amerine moved to approve the appointments. Seconded by Councilmember Sayles. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Waltman recommended the proclamation declaring February 16-22 as "National Engineers Week" be approved.

#9399. Councilmember Amerine moved the proclamation be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#9400. Councilmember Powell moved the resolution be adopted approving the plans and specifications for purchase of three Transit vehicles and the notice to bidders be published setting the bid opening date for March 21, 1986 at 1:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#9401. Councilmember Powell moved the tax exemption for Don Sturms and Walter Hatfield for property at 1500 Plaza Place in the amount of \$475,000 be approved. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.

#9402. Councilmember Amerine moved the tax exemption for Ronald Reynolds for property at 801-833 Oregon St. in the amount of \$95,000 be approved. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

Ida Forrester, 306 E. 4th St., requested that the City return her raccoon to her. She felt the City should be held responsible for any loss and suffering her family has suffered. She questioned if any of the Scouts had ever come into contact with wild animals. Councilmember Sayles requested that Ms. Forrester address Council on this matter. Ms. Forrester stated she wanted the raccoon returned to her. Harvey Allbee, Jr., City Attorney, stated that the State Conservation Commission took possession of the raccoon on January 18th. He stated that on January 24th Ms. Forrester filed an appeal with the Conservation Commission; and the appeal will be heard on February 21st. He informed Councilmembers that the Conservation Commission filed criminal charges against her. He added that she pled guilty and paid the fine plus court costs. He stated that the Conservation Commission has now taken over jurisdiction of the animal. He recommended the appeal be denied, due to the provisions of the Animal Ordinance and lack of information.

Ms. Forrester stated the raccoon could be vaccinated.

Councilmember Kemp stated it was his understanding there are not any known vaccinations for wild animals. Ms. Forrester stated that dogs and cats can still carry rabies even if they have been immunized.

#9403. Councilmember Sayles moved the appeal be denied. Seconded by Councilmember Amerine.

Councilmember Kemp questioned the possibility of taking the raccoon to her father's home in Illinois. City Attorney Allbee stated the only issue before Council was whether Ms. Forrester would be allowed to keep the raccoon in her home.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#9404. Councilmember Amerine moved that the traffic items be tabled until the February 20th Regular Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Powell. All ayes; motion carried.

#9405. Councilmember Amerine moved the agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield to continue with the existing cost plus program for calendar year 1986 be approved. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes; motion carried.

#9406. Councilmember York moved that items A-H be received and filed. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes; motion carried.

#9407. Councilmember Kemp moved that bills totaling \$535,860.78 be approved by the City Council and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue warrants for the same. Seconded by Councilmember Powell. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Waltman turned the meeting over to Rob Page. Mr. Page inquired if the Scouts had any questions or comments; no one responded.

Councilmember York stated it was an honor to sit with the Boy Scouts. He added it was good to see the Scout leaders work closely with them.

Councilmember Harder questioned the status of the Washington Street Bridge Project. Ray Childs, City Engineer, stated the deck had been poured, and that the company was ready to cut the girders back. He added it would be approximately two weeks before the false work could be poured, and another two weeks before the electric company could move the electrical poles. Mr. Harder questioned if the bridge would be open to traffic this month. Mr. Childs stated it may be open to traffic in March.

Mayor Waltman questioned if Rob Page had any comments to make; he had none.

Tom Bendle, the Scout who served as City Administrator for the Council meeting, thanked the City Council, City Administrator Wolff, Mayor Waltman, and City Attorney Allbee for the time they took in helping the Scouts learn more about the City government.

City Administrator Wolff stated that from comments received it was his impression that the department heads were pleased with the Boy Scouts. He felt the boys would not be reluctant to become involved with City activities.

Mr. Wolff stated it would be necessary for City Council to go into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Mayor Waltman felt the Boy Scouts participation in City Council meetings should continue, adding that the program would improve in future years.

#9408. Councilmember Powell moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried.

#9409. Councilmember Amerine moved to go out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember York. All ayes: Councilmembers York, Harder, Sayles, Phillips, Amerine, Powell, and Kemp. Motion carried.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

#9410. Councilmember Amerine moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember Powell. All ayes; motion carried.


Richard Waltman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Soren Wolff, City Clerk