

**Muscatine City Council In-depth Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 1996
Council Chambers - City Hall**

The city council in-depth meeting for Thursday, January 11, 1996, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dick O'Brien. Present: Churchill, Freese, D. Gray, G. Gray, Heckenliable, P. Fitzgerald. Absent: K. Fitzgerald.

Staff present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Community Development Director Kevin Whittaker, and Public Works Director Randy Hill.

The first item on the agenda was the quarterly report by the Muscatine Development Corporation. Present was the Muscatine Development Corporation Executive Cameron Moore. He provided council with an overview of the strategies and philosophies of the Development Corporation and the activities over the past several months. He answered council's question on development patterns and growth opportunities, existing industry expansion, etc.

The next item on the agenda for review was an update of a proposed prison project. Johnson provided an overview of the proposed construction of a 750-person medium security prison facility. He explained to council that previously information had been solicited from the Iowa Department of Corrections concerning their wanting to site a new facility somewhere in Iowa. The proposal as submitted by the State indicated the specifics a community or organization had to address in order to be competitive for this program. There was discussion amongst council members. It was determined that a public hearing would be established for the first meeting in February to receive public comment on this proposed project.

The next item on the agenda was a report from the Traffic Committee concerning the adjustment in the traffic signal configuration within the downtown area. Whittaker and Hill provided council with an update to the recommendations which had been formulated by the Vision Coordinating Committee and the Traffic Committee to enhance traffic flow at various intersections in the downtown area. There was discussion by council concerning some of the recommendations. It was determined that a public hearing would be established February 1 to provided council and the community an opportunity to comment further on the proposed changes. If approved, the changes would be made in increments with trial periods offered for further consideration and review to see how successful the program was.

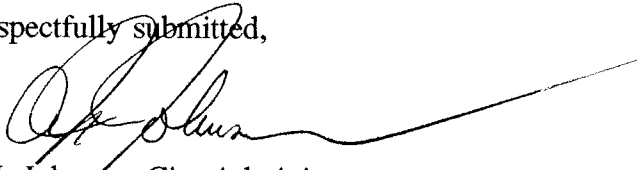
The last item on the agenda was a review of property use and exchange issues involving the City of Muscatine and Muscatine Power and Water. Johnson explained two items for council consideration. The first was the use of public property (Musser Park) for the placement of a monitoring station to monitor various weather related issues and So2 emissions as requested by Muscatine Power and Grain Processing Corporation. A monitoring facility would be placed if approved by council in Musser Park at the expense of both Muscatine Power and

Water and Grain Processing Corporation and maintained by them as well. This facility would provide ongoing information about current weather conditions and various emissions standards.

The next item concerning a property use issue between the City of Muscatine and Muscatine Power and Water was the proposed exchange of property. This would involve MPW allowing the City of Muscatine to have control of two acres of land near the intersection of Sampson and Houser for the construction of a lift station facility for the south-end sewer expansion and the City allowing Muscatine Power and Water to have control over 13 acres of land near the Industrial Connector Phase II for well field development. Council agreed to establish a public hearing for the exchange of property at the February 1 city council meeting.

With no further comments from council and staff, it was moved by Heckenliable, seconded by D. Gray, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

A.J. Johnson, City Administrator