

CITY OF MUSCATINE

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

February 14, 1980

6:45 p.m.

The City Council met with the Board of Public Health to review their 1980-81 proposed budget. It was noted that a 9% increase had been granted to Dr. Tillie's salary which was the only major change in the proposed budget. Alderman Koehrsen questioned whether or not the Board had looked into coordinating the Health services with Muscatine County. It was noted that this was a possibility, however, the Board felt strongly that this function should be kept with the City until changes were made at the County level.

The City Council then met with Mr. Glen Erickson of Bi-State Regional Planning Commission and Carol Worley of the Eastern Iowa Area Crime Commission to discuss the Federal changes in LEAA funding. The City Administrator indicated a major change had been made in the LEAA funding formula whereby local governmental units could become entitlement areas provided a governmental unit or a group of units represented a population of 100,000 and would receive at least \$50,000 under the funding formula. It was noted that the City of Muscatine qualified for neither of these requirements but could join with the governmental units of Muscatine County and Scott County and the other counties belonging to the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Erickson indicated the advantage of developing an entitlement area would be closer coordination of all programs currently being administered by the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission along with the possibility of reducing the administrative overhead costs for the LEAA program.

Carol Worley, on behalf of the Eastern Iowa Area Crime Commission, indicated the Commission is an establishment of the State of Iowa and coordinates all LEAA activities in the State of Iowa. Ms. Worley further indicated the Eastern Iowa Area Crime Commission had been successful in obtaining funds for the Muscatine area and noted they would continue to serve the area and cooperate with the City in obtaining additional grants. It was noted the City currently has received funding for two officers under the LEAA program along with supplemental funding for training projects.

It was indicated that since a decision on this matter had to be decided by March 1, 1980 and since it appeared Scott County did not lean towards the entitlement concept that it would be in the best interest to remain with the Eastern Iowa Area Crime Commission.

The Mayor stated that Council had tabled the decision on the City sponsoring the 12-Inch Slow Pitch Softball program to this meeting. The City Administrator indicated Council had previously received a recommendation that the City sponsor the program for a one year trial period with the program to be self-supporting.

#4528 On motion by Platt, seconded by Kemp, to have the City sponsor the 12-Inch Slow Pitch Softball program for a one (1) year trial period with the program to be self-supporting was approved unanimously.

The Council then continued it's budget review for 1980-81 and reviewed the following departments:

Community Development Administration

Housing Administration

Building & Zoning

Planning

Council was informed that the majority of the above budgets were funded by Federal funds, primarily through the Community Development Act. Several key items were discussed by Council. First, Alderman Duncan indicated that Council should seriously consider funding 100% of the Planning Administrator's time opposed to the 75% currently funded from the General Fund and 25% from the Community Development Act. Council also discussed the fee structure for the Building and Zoning Department and it's attempt to be self-supporting. Steve Boka, Building and Zoning Administrator, indicated the department's goal is to be 80% self-supporting and it appeared the City would be reaching that goal in the near future. The Council also discussed the progress of the Senior Citizen project to be constructed at the old Central Junior High School site.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.


Soren Wolff
City Administrator