

MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers - February 21, 1980 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

The opening prayer was given by Ken Whitacre, City Attorney.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Schauand announced the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment concerning the submittal of a grant application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the City's Public Transportation System.

Arlen Wiggs, Community Development Director, reviewed the contents of the application and noted that no federal funds are available for existing programs, and that this application must be for expansion of an existing program or a new program.

There were no oral appearances for or against.

There were no written petitions for or against.

#4532. Ald. Waltman moved to close the public hearing. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes; motion carried.

#4533. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 7, 1980. Second by Ald. Platt. All ayes; motion carried.

#4534. Ald. Rada moved to approve the minutes of the Council Budget Sessions of January 31 and February 4, 1980. Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes; motion carried.

#4535. Ald. Hilton moved to approve the renewal of a Class "C" Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Permit for Donald L. Lamberti, d/b/a Casey's General Store, Inc., Hershey Avenue and Elm Street. Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes; motion carried.

#4536. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the renewal of a Class "C" Beer Permit and Sunday Sales Permit for Pester Derby Oil Company, d/b/a Pester Derby, Clay and Gobble Street. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

#4537. Ald. Platt moved that the request for a variance in tower height of 150 feet be received and Muscatine Cable Vision Company be requested to provide the information outlined by the Building and Zoning Administrator prior to the next Council meeting at which time Council could consider granting the variance. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes; motion carried.

City Administrator Wolff explained that staff has been unable to find any city in Iowa which has granted a tax exemption for improvements to industries and recommended that the request made by Armira Corporation for a tax exemption of this type be referred to his office for study and review.

#4538. Ald. Hilton moved to refer the request for property tax exemption by Armira Corporation for improvements to their facilities to the City Administrator's office for study and review with a proposal to be submitted to City Council at a future Council meeting. Second by Ald. Duncan. All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Schauand announced that Chuck Coulter is the Outstanding Citizen of the Month for his many years of service to the community.

#4539. Ald. Koehrsen moved to approve the ordinance on second reading to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit CATV facilities in Residential Districts. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried and ordinance approved on second reading.

#4540. Ald. Platt moved to amend the ordinance on first reading regulating excavation requirements. Second by Ald. Kemp. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried.

#4541. Ald. Kemp moved to approve the ordinance on second reading as amended to amend the City Code regulating excavation requirements. Second by Ald. Duncan. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried and ordinance approved on second reading.

#4542. Ald. Koehrsen moved to approve the resolution setting a public hearing on the 1980/81 Budget for March 6, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#4543. Ald. Duncan moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Muscatine to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for financial assistance to the City's transportation system. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

City Administrator Wolff reported on the bids received for the Boat Harbor Improvement Project stating that additional time is needed to complete the bid evaluation, and requested that Council delay final action on the project until Thursday, March 6, 1980.

#4544. Ald. Platt moved to receive and file the bids for the Boat Harbor Improvement Project and refer them to the proper departments for review. Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes; motion carried.

#4545. Ald. Waltman moved to approve the certification of applicants for the position of Refuse Truck Driver I. Second by Ald. Hilton. All ayes; motion carried.

#4546. Ald. Duncan moved to refer bids for lease of the Cemetery Farm to the Cemetery Advisory Commission for recommendation. Second by Ald. Kemp.

City Attorney Whitacre stated that according to law this lease must run from March 1 to February 30 and that if this lease is not approved at this time, the City may have to accept a lesser amount of money for the remaining term of the lease.

Ald. Kemp withdrew his second and requested that in the future items of this nature be forwarded to the Advisory Commission prior to requesting Council approval. Ald. Duncan withdrew his motion.

#4547. Ald. Platt moved to accept the bid of \$7,500 from Paul and Gary Reichert for the lease of 104 acres of land owned by the City and commonly referred to as the Cemetery Farm located on West Mulberry Avenue and the City Attorney be authorized to prepare a contract for the lease. Second by Ald. Koehrsen. All ayes; motion carried.

Ald. Kemp questioned whether the application to the Iowa Conservation Commission for a grant in the amount of \$2,000 had been approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Joe Stevens, Director of Parks and Recreation explained the program this grant would fund and explained that this grant application must be submitted by February 28th.

#4548. Ald. Koehrsen moved to approve the submission of an application to the Iowa Conservation Commission for a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to inventory trees in the community. Second by Ald. Platt. Ayes: Ald. Platt and Koehrsen. Nays: Ald. Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion defeated.

#4549. Ald. Duncan moved to receive and file communications received. Second by Ald. Hilton. All ayes; motion carried.

#4550. Ald. Kemp moved to approve bills totaling \$520,843.04 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to issue warrants for the same. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

Police Officers Cannon and Yant appeared before Council to explain the Neighborhood Watch Program and outlined things being done in Muscatine included in this program. Mayor Schauand requested Council approval to initiate neighborhood meetings with Officers Cannon and Yant as speakers and that the City indicate its support of this program to the Iowa Crime Coalition.

#4551 Ald. Rada moved to have the Mayor set up neighborhood meetings on the Neighborhood Watch Program and authorize the Mayor to indicate the City's support of this program to the Iowa Crime Coalition. Second by Ald. Waltman. All ayes; motion carried.

Ald. Koehrsen stated that she felt Council needs to discuss the role of the Advisory Commissions and determine what types of items should be reviewed by them prior to Council consideration. Ald. Kemp stated that he felt the items on this agenda were important enough to be reviewed by the Advisory Commission prior to Council consideration.

City Administrator Wolff requested Council approval of the grant application for the renovation of the Weed Park Swimming Pool and stated that the application deadline is February 29th.

Ald. Platt questioned whether the plans and specifications for the Weed Park Pool renovation were to be included in the grant application since Council has not reviewed these plans. Parks and Recreation Director Stevens stated that only the areas involved in the project will be included in the application due to the fact that final plans have not been determined. He added that if plans and specifications were included in the application changes could not be made after the application had been submitted.

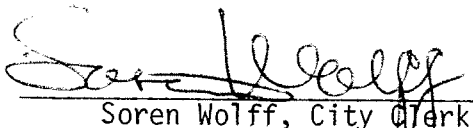
#4552 Ald. Kemp moved to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a grant application under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for the renovation of the Weed Park Swimming Pool. Second by Ald. Rada. All ayes: Ald. Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Planning Administrator Kevin Whittaker presented a graph showing housing development comparisons between the City and County during the last ten years.

#4553 Ald. Platt moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ald. Kemp. All ayes; motion carried.


Evelyn L. Schauand, Mayor

Attest:


Soren Wolff, City Clerk