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CITY OF MUSCATINE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m. - February 15, 1996

Mayor Richard O'Brien called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald present.

The opening prayer was given by Father Walter Helms of St. Mary's Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Police Lieutenant Brian Hammer stated that he was present tonight on behalf of the Midtown Heart Association, which is associated with the City's community policing program. He told Councilmembers that Police Officer Mike Yocom is responsible for policing the downtown area as well as East 5th Street and Mulberry Avenue.

Officer Yocom reviewed the community policing program with Councilmembers.

Robin Suo, 500 East 7th Street, representing the Midtown Heart Association, listed the accomplishments of the association.

Councilmember Churchill stated that he felt community policing should be done throughout the City.

Mayor O'Brien commended the association for its accomplishments to date.

Kas Kelly, 417 Liberty Street, stated that one issue the association has been trying to deal with is curfew violations. She explained how the association is trying to deal with this issue. She pointed out that other neighborhoods need to band together in the fight against crimes in their neighborhoods.

Officer Yocom stated that the City was fortunate to have a City Council that cares, noting that there are communities struggling with working as a whole. He thanked the Police Chief for making community policing possible.

Linda Green, 215 1/2 East 2nd Street, addressed City Council about parking in the downtown area. She distributed packets of information for each of the Councilmembers and she asked that they look the information over, noting that she had included some effective solutions concerning parking in the downtown area.

#14544. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 1996 Regular City Council meeting and minutes of the budget sessions for February 3, 5, 6, 7 & 9, 1996. Seconded by Councilmember Heckenliable. All ayes; motion carried.

#14545. Councilmember Dan Gray moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Renewal of Class C beer and Sunday sales permit for C-Mart #1065, Clay and Gobble streets; renewal of Class E beer and Sunday sales permit for Sun Mart #312, 807 Grandview Avenue; filing of Communications A-H; and bills totaling \$805,115.89. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes; motion carried.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor O'Brien stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed sale of City real estate involving the 15 scattered site housing units.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed sale of City real estate.

#14546. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor O'Brien stated that a public hearing was being held concerning the proposed sale of City real estate at 1919 Demorest Avenue.

There were no oral or written petitions for or against the proposed sale of City real estate.

#14547. Councilmember Gary Gray moved the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilmember Churchill. All ayes; motion carried.

#14548. Councilmember Freese moved to approve the taxicab license for Midwest Transit Inc., 406 Grandview, Ottumwa, Iowa. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#14549. Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald moved to approve the appointment of Mark Heckenliable to the Plumbers Board, term expiring July 1, 1996. Seconded by Councilmember Gary Gray. All ayes; motion carried.

#14550. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved the proclamation be approved declaring March 1996 as "Women's History Month". Seconded by Councilmember Heckenliable. All ayes; motion carried.

#14551. Councilmember Gary Gray moved the resolution be adopted accepting the completed work and authorizing the closeout of the municipal airport runway overlay and lighting project. Seconded by Councilmember Heckenliable. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14552. Councilmember Churchill moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on March 7, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the the proposed transit fund application. Seconded by Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Kevin Fitzgerald, and Phil Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14553. Councilmember Gary Gray moved the resolution be adopted accepting the work completed under the Hershey Avenue Paving Project and authorizing final payment to the Flynn Company in the amount of \$11,398.18. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14554. Councilmember Heckenliable moved the resolution be adopted accepting the work performed under the Kent Stein Park Restroom Concession Stand Project and authorizing final payment to Carl A. Nelson and Company in the amount of \$20,237.10. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Kevin Fitzgerald, and Phil Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14555. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved to approve the request to purchase two new transit buses from Minnesota Body and Equipment Company in the amount of \$113,618. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#14556. Councilmember Gary Gray moved that traffic requests concerning the removal of weight embargoes on Lucas Street and Mulberry Avenue from Houser Street to the Bypass and the installation of a "No Parking" sign on both sides of Gobble Street be tabled until the March 7, 1996 Regular City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

#14557. Councilmember Churchill moved the resolution be adopted authorizing the sale of City property at 1919 Demorest Avenue to Leah N. Timm in the amount of \$3,650. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14558. Councilmember Gary Gray moved the resolution be adopted approving an executed deed between the City of Muscatine and Leah N. Timm. Seconded by Councilmember Heckenliable. All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Kevin Fitzgerald, and Phil Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.


#14559. Councilmember Kevin Fitzgerald moved the resolution be adopted awarding the contract to Zinser Demolition in the amount of \$99,788 for the demolition of the East 3rd Street property. Seconded by Councilmember Phil Fitzgerald.

There was discussion on this issue.


Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Churchill, Freese, Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Heckenliable, Phil Fitzgerald, and Kevin Fitzgerald. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#14560. Councilmember Heckenliable moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember Churchill. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
Richard W. O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
A.J. Johnson, City Administrator