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Budget Session Minutes  
February 3, 2004

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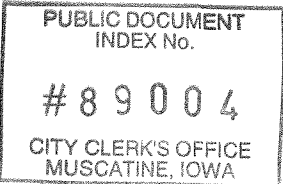
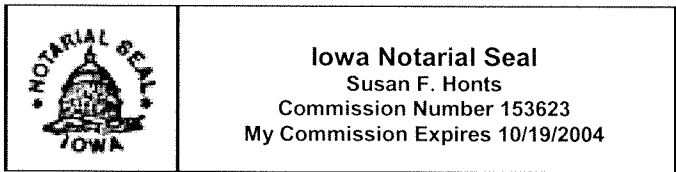
February 26, 2004

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**STATE OF IOWA  
MUSCATINE COUNTY**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
3rd day of March 2004

Susan F. Honts  
Susan F. Honts, Notary Public



**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
BUDGET SESSION  
MINUTES  
Lower Level  
Conference Room  
February 3, 2004**

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the City Council budget session for Tuesday, February 3, 2004, to order at 4:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Lesnet, Trent, Root, Lange, Fitzgerald, Day, and Shihadeh. Also present was Director of Administrative Services David Casstevens. City Administrator A.J. Johnson joined the proceedings at 4:55 p.m.

The first items for review were the Public Works activities. Included in this review were Public Works Administration, Engineering, Roadway Maintenance, Traffic Control, Snow and Ice Control, Street Cleaning, Building and Grounds, Collection and Drainage, and Equipment Services. Supporting these presentations were Randy Howell, Matt Chandler, Gale Frys, and Jerry McKenzie.

During the presentation for Public Works Administration, Public Works Director Randy Hill shared with Council the opportunity to engage outside engineering services to assist in the development of the feasibility plan of improvements on Cedar Street and a cross connector street that would link Tipton Road to Logan Street. No monies have been included for these activities. Information will be distributed to City Council and it will be determined by City Council if any future action should be taken.

Also, there was a request to look at the increase of the classification of the Equipment Operator II's to Equipment Operator II's for two positions under Collection & Drainage.

There was also discussion concerning the equipment replacement fund by the City Administrator and Director of Administrative Services.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**A.J. Johnson**  
City Administrator