

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 8, 1984

7:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Platt, Councilmembers Kemp, Kite, Sayles, York, Amerine, Powell, and Waltman

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator; Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant; Deb Rauh, Finance Director; Larry Wolf, Parks & Recreation Director; Randy Elder, Landscape Gardner; Craig Olson, Water Pollution Control Director

The Mayor indicated this was the time set for a public hearing on the City's proposed 1984-85 City Budget. The City Administrator made a presentation on the summary of the 1984-85 Budget as it had been presented to and reviewed by the City Council.

The City Administrator indicated the tax rate for 1984-85 was recommended to be reduced from \$10.9449 to \$10.2344 (6.5%). It was further noted the City's assessed values had increased by 12.9% including .8% of new growth. The large increase was primarily the result of state mandated rollback and equalization factors, and the reevaluation of all properties in Muscatine County.

It was noted the City's nine (9) enterprise funds included rate increases only for the Landfill with a recommended increase of a \$1.30 to \$1.35 per cubic yard. It was further noted the rates in the Water Pollution Control operation would also have to be increased by 10-20%, with the exact amount to be determined at a later date.

Council was informed that total operating expenditures for all City funds was \$11,384,687, a 5.96% increase above the 1983-84 revised estimate. However, it was noted the fiscal 1985 budget included all Public Housing Programs which were excluded from the fiscal year 1984 budgets. Without the Housing Budgets, the fiscal year 1985 budget is 2.65% less than the 1984 revised estimate. This reduction is primarily the result of a major reduction in expenditures for the Water Pollution Control Plant.

The Mayor indicated this was the time for the public to comment on the proposed budget. There were no comments made by the public.

#7006 On motion by Councilmember Kemp, seconded by Councilmember Waltman, it was moved the hearing be closed. The motion was approved unanimously.

Larry Wolf, Parks & Recreation Director, then reviewed a proposed Waterfront Development & Beautification Plant along the Mississippi River from the Mad Creek Outlet to the area south of Chestnut Street.

Mr. Wolf indicated the total project cost was estimated at \$252,300 including: demolition of the gain silos; dredging the boat harbor and constructing the dyke for the spoils; beautification including installation of sidewalks, sodding, tree planting, and construction of a multi-purpose shelter; and improvement to the depot building and adjacent parking lot.

It was noted funds available included: \$45,000 from the silo demolition fund; a \$17,500 donation from Great River Days, Ltd; and \$37,000 from the Corps of Engineers for the dredging and dyke construction. Larry Wolf indicated the City was eligible to apply for a \$125,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, and if approved, total funding would be \$224,500. The City Administrator indicated if the grant is approved, the City should make an effort to raise the remaining \$27,800 to make the project a reality.

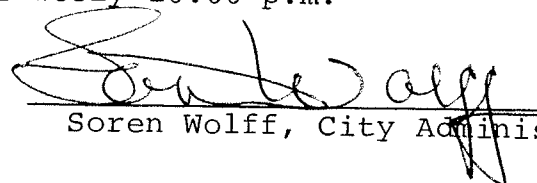
Several Councilmembers questioned the construction of the all purpose shelter and asked the staff to contact members of the Great River Days, Ltd. and Chamber of Commerce to determine whether or not these funds could be utilized for the improvement to the depot facility renovation. The Council indicated they were in general agreement with the proposed plan and staff was requested to present the proposal for formal approval at the March 15, 1984 regular Council Meeting.

Randy Hill, Administrative Assistant, then reviewed the status of the City's plan to purchase microcomputer hardware and software equipment. Mr. Hill indicated a total of fifteen (15) firms had been contacted and were requested to submit proposals. Since the proposal had varied substantially, a second set of proposals were requested from six (6) companies. Two (2) of the proposals met the specifications as established by the City including Amplify and Midwest.

Mr. Hill indicated the system proposed to be purchase is a multi-user system. The lowest cost proposal was from Amplify in the amount of \$18,398. It was noted additional equipment and software packages were needed, with a total estimated cost of \$31,684. This equipment would be utilized in the Finance Department, Parking System, and Community Development and Housing activities. The project would be funded from Federal Revenue Sharing, the Parking System, and Federal Funds from the Community Development and Housing Programs. The amount required was less than the \$42,000 which had been included in the 1983-84 revised budget.

Council was informed a specific proposal and recommendation would be forwarded for Council's consideration at the March 15, 1984 regular Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.


Soren Wolff, City Administrator