

CITY OF MUSCATINE
IN-DEPTH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

June 14, 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;
Clyde Bowen, Muscatine Power and Water, General
Manager; and Jay Logel, Assistant General Manager.

Connie J. Miller, representing the Muscatine County Arts Council, outlined the proposal for the American Wind Symphony to visit Muscatine from July 18 through July 22. Mrs. Miller highlighted the main events and indicated the total project was estimated at \$39,000. Between \$15,000 to \$20,000 would be raised locally through private donations. The Arts Council requested a \$1,000 donation from the City. The Council indicated they were in general agreement with the request.

The City Administrator reviewed the proposed assessments for the Olive Branch Water project. The assessments involving multiple benefits were again reviewed and it was recommended the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roe be reduced from two to one benefit as the south end of the property had no access to 42nd Street. A survey was presented on the Voorhees property at 6010 41st South. It was noted the survey conducted by the Engineering Department showed sufficient room for one additional lot to be split without interfering with the existing building located on the property.

Jay Logel, Assistant General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water outlined the method for testing for nitrate levels in the City water system. It was noted regularly scheduled samples are required to be taken and submitted to the State. Mr. Logel indicated the average nitrate levels were 24 mg/l. It was also noted that if the State level of 45 mg/l is exceeded, the public water supplier must publish a notice that they are exceeding such limits.

Pat Castle, 4117 Grandview, indicated the State was considering changing the nitrate levels. It was noted the 45 mg/l was both a Federal and State regulation.

Mr. Frank Hahn, 5814 41st Street read a prepared statement raising several questions including: the impact the City's waste water sludges have on nitrate levels on the Island; why are not all property owners on the Island being required to hook up to the public water system; questioned why he had been denied to hook up to the 30" water main in Grandview Avenue; questioned if residents outside the City limit would be permitted to hook on to the water main; and how much the property owners on 42nd Street would pay for the project. The City Administrator and representatives from Muscatine Power and Water responded to the questions.

Mrs. Castle, 4117 Grandview, then addressed Council indicating she had researched the nitrate issue further. She noted the health issue involving infants was well documented but the impact on adults was not clear. Mrs. Castle also had questions concerning the proposed assessment for her property and the requirement to connect to the water main. Further, Mrs. Castle reviewed several other methods of reducing nitrate in the water supply.

The City Administrator indicated no action was requested on the proposed water main extension as the matter had been tabled until the June 21, 1984 Regular Council Meeting.

The City Administrator provided the Council with a review of the proposed 1983-84 Budget Amendments. It was noted the major amendment involved an additional premium payment required for the City's RETRO insurance policy. Deb Rauh, Finance Director, reviewed the last six years history on the City's RETRO insurance program and noted the City had received a return on its premium of \$240,735.56, including interest earnings. However, an additional RETRO premium was required for the 1983-83 fiscal years of \$11,633 and \$63,752 respectively. These amounts would be paid in the 1983-84 Fiscal Year, with the amount to be transferred from the Insurance Trust Fund to the General Fund to offset the additional expense.

Mr. Jim King, City's insurance agent, then reviewed the City's claims experience over the past six years. It was noted from 1978 through 1981 the City had exceptionally good experience and had received the maximum of 40% return on it's insurance premium. In Fiscay Year 1982 and 1983 several large claims which were still outstanding required reserves to be set aside of \$25,000 and \$171,000 respectively. It was noted that if these cases are settled for less than the

set aside amount, then the City could receive a rebate on the additional premium. Mr. King noted the insurance rates are generally increasing across the country and the City's experience the last couple of years will cause rates to increase in 1984-85.

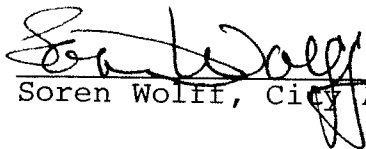
The City Administrator indicated it was proposed the City enter into an additional one year RETRO policy with the provision the Council again appoint a citizen committee to review the City's entire insurance program for 1985-86.

#7227 On motion by Councilmember Kite, seconded by Councilmember Waltman it was moved to go into executive session to initiate the annual evaluation of the City Administrator. Motion was approved unanimously.

#7228 On motion by Councilman Waltman, seconded by Councilmember Sayles it was moved to go out of executive session.

There was no action taken in the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.



Soren Wolff, City Administrator