

CITY OF MUSCATINE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 1980

7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Schauland, Aldermen Platt, Koehrsen, Rada, Hilton, Kemp, Duncan and Waltman.

ALSO PRESENT: Soren Wolff, City Administrator

The Mayor indicated this was a special meeting to discuss the Houser Street problem. The Mayor then proceeded to read a report from the City Administrator summarizing the Houser Street situation. The report included cost estimates, the special assessment amount, the bonding procedure, time schedule, truck traffic and a recommendation.

The recommendation to the City Council was to assess the street in accordance with City policy which would require the property owners to pay for a 31' wide street including 7" of concrete with the City paying for additional width and depth. It was further recommended that the sidewalk installation would be deferred for a two year period. The project would only include the section of Houser Street from Cedar to Lucas Street with Fulliam Street being deleted from the project.

The Mayor then asked for comments from the property owners. Mr. Bill Last, representing Marquette Home Club, and Chairman of the committee representing the Houser Street residents, indicated that their committee would review the City's proposal and they would be presenting an alternative solution to the Council.

Mr. Bill Connor, 1106 Houser Street, asked whether the City would accept private contributions towards the special assessment portion. Mr. Connor was informed that the City would consider private contributions depending on the stipulations. However, Mr. Connor was notified that if the contribution was to be used to offset the special assessment cost, there appeared to be no problem.

Mr. Carl Egger, 1304 Houser Street, indicated that the project should move ahead and further thanked the Council for the prompt action which was taken on installing the sealcoat to alleviate the dust problem on Houser Street.

Mr. Harold Metzger, 2924 Cedar Street, questioned his assessment portion. Mr. Metzger was informed that the assessment to each property owner was basically the same as last year with the exception that the sidewalk had been removed from the assessment roll.

Mr. John Fifer, 1005 Iowa Street, stated that the proposed assessment was unfair, as the City should consider using State and Federal monies to construct the project. Mr. Fifer felt that local tax dollars should not be used for a street that was a major truck route and traffic carrier.

Mr. Ralph Brewer, 201 Gilbert Street, also stated that Houser Street residents should not be required to pay for Houser Street.

Mr. Wes Herwig, 518 Main Street, requested the City take a look at the signing on Main Street limiting trucks over 12 tons. Mr. Herwig indicated that there were no signs limiting trucks over 12 tons for trucks traveling North on Main Street from Houser Street. Mr. Herwig was informed that the City would investigate this matter.

The Mayor indicated that all matters on Houser Street would be carefully analyzed and considered before the Council makes a decision.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.


Soren Wollf
City Administrator