

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m. - January 21, 1993

Mayor John Keig called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald and Dan Gray present.

Mark Abrams, youth pastor from the Mulford Evangelical Free Church, gave the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

#13514. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 1993 Regular City Council meeting and the January 14, 1993 In-Depth meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray. All ayes; motion carried.

#13515. Councilmember Phillips moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows: Renewal of Class C liquor license for Ina Mae's, 403 West Mississippi Drive (subject to inspections); renewal of Class C beer and Sunday sales permit for Petro-N-Provisions, 1010 Park Avenue (subject to inspections); filing of Communications A-I; and bills totaling \$606,904.54. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#13516. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the appointment of Deb Porter to the Transportation Advisory Commission, term expiring December 31, 1994, and a proclamation declaring February as Cultural Awareness Month. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes; motion carried.

#13517. Councilmember Dan Gray moved to approve the special events ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and ordinance approved on first reading.

#13518. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on February 18, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the Mulberry Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Dan Gray reminded the viewing audience that the neighborhood meeting was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Mulberry Elementary School.

City Administrator A.J. Johnson stated that there are three additional items associated with this project that require Council approval. He stated that there is a resolution ordering the preliminary plans, specifications, plat, schedule and estimate, as well as a resolution to adopt those plans. He then stated that a motion was needed to approve the hiring of the City Engineer as engineer for the project.

#13519. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted ordering the preliminary plans, specifications, plat, schedule and estimate. Seconded by Councilmember Moench. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13520. Councilmember Phillips moved the resolution be adopted approving the preliminary plans, specifications, plat, schedule and estimate. Seconded by Councilmember Kemp. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13521. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve the hiring of City Engineer Ray Childs as engineer for the Mulberry Avenue Improvement Project. Seconded by Councilmember Moench. All ayes; motion carried.

#13522. Councilmember Kemp moved to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing on February 4, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed water distribution and drainage project associated with the Kent Stein Park project. Seconded by Councilmember Phillips. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13523. Councilmember Freese moved to adopt the resolution setting a public hearing on March 4, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed fiscal year 1993/94 application for state and federal transit funds. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13524. Councilmember Moench moved to approve the request for issuance of a purchase order to the American Fly Ash Company in the amount of \$58,250 for 23,300 tons of fly ash material for the compost facility at the transfer site. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

Councilmember Freese asked why this project had not gone through the bid process.

City Administrator Johnson stated that due to the nature of the project, type of materials and price of the materials, the decision was made to use the purchase order process.

Ray Childs, City Engineer, stated that the American Fly Ash Company is headquartered in Naperville, Illinois; however, it does have a crew working at the Louisa Power Station. He stated that the firm has contracts with approximately 33 different power plants around the country. He pointed out that the use of fly ash as a grading material is a new concept and the city was therefore unable to solicit for bids. Mr. Childs told Councilmembers that the Louisa plant pays the American Fly Ash Company to dispose of the fly ash materials and that this is why the cost is so low.

Mayor Keig asked if there was another source available for this fly ash material, and Mr. Childs answered no.

Councilmember Moench pointed out that if the City chose to use concrete, it would cost approximately \$710,000.

Councilmember Gary Gray asked if this cost was part of the original figure for the transfer station.

City Administrator Johnson stated that he did not have a breakdown of the costs for the transfer station; however, it was the City's intention to hard surface the access to the compost site.

Councilmember Gary Gray stated that it was his understanding then that somewhere in the costs for the transfer station, hard surfacing of the access to the compost site had been included.

City Administrator Johnson stated that Councilmember Gary Gray was correct.

Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

#13525. Councilmember Freese moved to approve the request to burn brush at the City's compost site. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#13526. Councilmember Phillips moved to approve the request to declare the Detroit Armor pistol range equipment located at the Public Safety Building as surplus property. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

#13527. Councilmember Gary Gray moved to approve the request to increase fees at the municipal golf course, effective March 15, 1993. Seconded by Councilmember Dan Gray.

There was discussion on the proposed fee increases.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#13528. Councilmember Kemp moved to approve the resolution setting a public hearing on February 4, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers concerning the proposed lease arrangement for airport property to Beverly Aerial Applicators. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes: Councilmembers Gary Gray, Freese, Phillips, Kemp, Moench, Fitzgerald, and Dan Gray. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

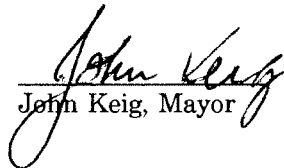
City Administrator Johnson, speaking in reference to the Fire Department's contract negotiations, stated that the settlement mirrors the settlement reached recently by the Blue/White Union and the Police Union. He stated that the settlement calls for an overall wage increase of approximately 3%. He told Councilmembers that this settlement will bring the Fire Department in line with the Police Department.

#13529. Councilmember Moench to approve the Fire Union Contract for the period July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald.

There was further discussion on the contract settlement.

Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

#13530. Councilmember Kemp moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilmember Freese. All ayes; motion carried.


John Keig, Mayor

ATTEST:


A.J. Johnson,
City Administrator