

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1993  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

The city council budget session of Thursday, February 11, 1993, was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 4:33 PM. Council members present: Dan Gray, Glenn Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, Ralph Freese, and Jeanette Phillips. Council Member Larry Kemp joined at 4:48 PM.

Also present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Director of Finance and Records David Casstevens.

The first item on the agenda was a resolution to establish a public hearing for a proposed urban renewal area Thursday, February 18, 1993, at 7:30 PM. It was moved by Glenn Moench, seconded by Dan Gray. For discussion, Kevin Whittaker, Director of Community Development and Planning explained to council the necessity of an urban renewal area in conjunction with the railroad relocation project with which the city is currently involved. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. All members voted aye (6-0 approved).

The council then continued its scheduled budget review session. The first item on that schedule was an overview of the Water Pollution Control Activities. Within the Water Pollution Control activities, the following divisions were discussed: Administration, Collection and Drainage, Sludge Operations, Laboratory, Plant Operations, and Pumping Stations. Council then discussed the proposed fee increases for FY1993/94. Effective July 1, 1993, it is proposed that resident rates increase from 6.5 to 11.5 percent and commercial and industrial rates increasing from 10.3 to 16.4 percent. It was noted that the primary reason for the rate increase was the continuation of the diminishing revenues from sewer fees from commercial and industrial customers. Operationally speaking, the department's activities have remained very steady for the last several years. The city will continue to collect sales tax revenues on behalf of the state which accounts for some of the increase. Overall, the department continues to reduce its operational fund balance which is of concern to administrative staff.

The council then turned its attention to housing operations. Mr. Wayne Taylor who serves as housing administrator was present to review the various housing programs in the city. This was followed by an overview of Equipment Services and Equipment Placement budget.

With no further business to review, the council adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.J. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

A.J. Johnson  
City Administrator