

MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL  
BUDGET REVIEW SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1993  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL

The city council budget session for Tuesday, February 16, 1993, was called to order by Mayor John Keig at 4:33 PM. Council Members present: Dan Gray, Jeanette Phillips, Glenn Moench, Phil Fitzgerald, Ralph Freese, and Larry Kemp. Administrative staff present were City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Director of Finance and Records David Casstevens.

The first item on the agenda was to hear an appeal from the Library Board concerning the funding for library operations for FY1993/94. Present were library board members Jim Weaver, Mary Odell, Grace King, Margaret Myers, and Dick Maeglin. Library Board Member Jim Weaver presented an overview of the board's position concerning the amount of funding allocated, particularly for book acquisition, for the next fiscal year. It was noted that the city administrator had recommended a reduction from the requested budget totalling \$13,400. The rising cost of book replacement, the need to diversify and maintain the library collection, and the ever-increasing demands on general library services were noted in their request/appeal. Board member Dick Maeglin also urged council not to overlook the private dollar contributions which go to the library and the importance of the city maintaining a reasonable level of funding for acquisition and purchases to keep and encourage the existing gifts and possibly future gift givers. Council thanked them for their time and input.

E. Jane Caraway representing the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Division spoke next concerning the allocation for FY1993/94. Tentative allocation would be \$70,000 from a requested amount of \$100,000. Caraway reviewed with council the various activities that the tourism division has been involved with over the past fiscal year. She answered questions and encouraged council to continue its financial support of tourism.

The city council then turned its attention to a review of a riverfront development plan/program. Present for the overview were city staff members Randy Hill, Kevin Whittaker, Steve Boka, Randy Elder, and Ray Childs. City staff made a presentation concerning the proposed improvements to the riverfront and answered council's questions. There was also discussion concerning ongoing negotiations with the Muscatine Power Boat Club to assume some managerial and entrepreneurial activities and the riverfront associated with this plan. Council members had questions concerning the cost and level of cooperation that the city is now receiving from the Power Boat Club. Staff hopes that negotiations can continue in order to secure some type of arrangement prior to the boating season in 1993.

Also covered under the agenda were other capital improvement projects and the debt

service requirements for activities that the council has already committed to or would like to commit to for 1993/94.

Council Member Jeanette Phillips left the proceedings at 8:38 PM.

General discussion concerning debt service projects continued until 9:05 PM at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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