

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - BUDGET SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1995, 4:30 PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The city council budget session for Tuesday, February 7, 1995, was called to order by Jeanette Phillips at 4:30 p.m. Council members present: Dan Gray, Gary Gray, Dick O'Brien, Ralph Freese, and Glenn Moench.

Staff members present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson and Finance Director David Casstevens.

Council member Phil Fitzgerald joined the proceedings at 4:47 p.m. Council member joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The discussion for the evening's budget session centered around public works activities in general. The Public Works Administration budget was reviewed, followed by the engineering budget. There were questions concerning the university drive that is proposed in 1996 and whether or not there are any restrictions for using ISTEA monies for other potential industrial connector roads.

Roadway Maintenance and other questions concerning fly ash year round were discussed next. There was also discussion concerning capital issues such as the power street and the tilt bed trailer.

Council next reviewed traffic control operations and snow and ice control operations. The question was raised as to whether or not the current regulations give the city enough authority to aggressively remove cars that are in the way for snow removal. Council wants to ensure there is an appropriate ordinance and enforcement policy to provide adequate snow removal and assistance during that time of year. If necessary, the council would support a rewrite or a toughening of the existing ordinance to give more authority to the appropriate officials to see this happen. There were also questions concerning salt delivery and a lift-style truck to see if that would be more cost effective. The final question centered around the cost of downtown snow removal.

The council moved to Street Cleaning Operations.

A dinner break was taken at 5:40 p.m.

Following the dinner break at 6:25, Sharon Barnhart, Executive Director of the Crossroads organization was present to review their budget request for 1995. Prior to her presentation, the city administrator explained that after an internal review it was determined by staff that it would be their recommendation to eliminate the funding for Crossroads for financial reasons. There was other discussion concerning public health

subsidies.

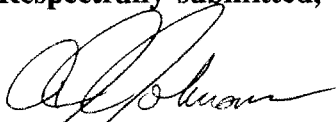
At 7:00 p.m., Ginger Dahms and Jim Sichterman from the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce, were present to discuss the subsidy to the tourism division of the Chamber. It was recommended that \$80,000 be allocated to this activity for 1995. The request from the Chamber was for \$85,000. Dahms explained the programs and activities the Chamber's Tourism Division has been involved in the last several months.

There was also discussion concerning economic development activities and economic well being.

At 7:35 Mr. Bill Trent, representing the MEMS organization, spoke to council concerning their recommendation for the ambulance contract.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.J. Johnson".

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator