

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - BUDGET SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The city council budget session was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Mayor Jeanette Phillips. Council members present: Moench, O'Brien, Freese, D. Gray, K. Fitzgerald, P. Fitzgerald.

Staff present: City Administrator A.J. Johnson, Finance Director David Casstevens, Asst. Finance Director Nancy Lueck, and Solid Waste Manager Lavene Payne.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation of the solid waste management budget and its related issues. City Administrator Johnson reviewed the Landfill, Transfer Station, and Refuse Collection budget.

It was noted that the three separate budgets share much in common, particularly the need to generate revenue to cover the associated costs, particularly the Debt Service on the Transfer Station operation. The Landfill which will set the fee for use of the facility, was reviewed first, followed by the Transfer Station which will incorporate the landfill fee into its own tipping fee. Debt Service for the building was reviewed second, followed by the Refuse Collection which needs to take into consideration both fees and how it is going to affect the users fee for refuse collection services the City of Muscatine charges its citizens. It was proposed that the city increase its refuse collection fees April 1 from \$7.50 to \$10.00 for residential customers and \$6.25 for senior citizens. The proposed cost increase would also include a 33% increase in commercial accounts.

The council also talked about recycling, curb side pick-up and other options and activities associated with all three of these budgets. There was discussion concerning the city's future in the Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency and how we might address the potential for a new landfill that may be developed in Cedar County.

Mayor Phillips left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

With no further discussion on these issues, council took action to adjourn their meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

A.J. Johnson
City Administrator