

**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES - BUDGET SESSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1995, 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

The city council budget session was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeanette Phillips. Council members present: Moench, O'Brien, Freese, D. Gray, K. Fitzgerald, G. Gray, P. Fitzgerald.

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

The evening was set aside to begin the review process of the budget as presented over the past several days. Council was asked to note items of interest or items they wanted further discussion on; i.e., cutting, adding, keeping budgetary amounts the same as recommended, etc.

There was some discussion concerning the purchase of lawn mowers. Staff will investigate. There was a request to look at the installation of a sidewalk where the Transit patrons and drivers walk from the buses to city hall. Staff will investigate and report back to council.

A question was also raised concerning the cleaning of the public safety building, noting the downstairs conference room looked as if it had not been cleaned for a long time. This comment will be passed on to public works/building and grounds personnel for their attention.

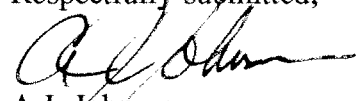
Council reviewed subsidies given to outside agencies. After much discussion, it was noted that the city should earmark at least \$50,000 for ambulance study knowing this could change pending negotiations with the current provider. It was also decided the city would not allocate any funds for the New Horizons organization and would be allocating \$15,000 to Crossroads. There was discussion concerning the Revolving Loan Fund which will be allocated \$50,000 from the sale of property which has taken place in the downtown area. \$50,000 will be allocated to the Downtown Vision Plan using the balance of the sale of property in the downtown made up then from funds from the Parking Fund. (A vote was taken by council on this. 6 in favor and 1 opposed.)

The Substance Abuse Coordinating Council was also reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Enterprise Funds were reviewed. It was decided the city should go forward with the installation of the last section of docking at the boat harbor. A loan will be made from the parking fund to accommodate this operation. Cable, Transit, and Water Pollution Control Funds were all approved.

With no further reviews to be made, council adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



A.J. Johnson
City Administrator