

**CITY OF MUSCATINE  
IN-DEPTH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – January 13, 2011**

Mayor Dick O'Brien called the In-Depth City Council meeting for Thursday, January 13, 2011, to order at 7 p.m. Councilmembers present were LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and Fire Chief Jerry Ewers.

Chief Ewers gave a power point presentation on the Fire Station #2 Project. He stated the total funding amount of \$1,300,500 includes a grant from I-JOBS II in the amount of \$850,250, a grant from the Iowa Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$200,000, and a general obligation construction bond in the amount of \$250,250. He talked about the location, the proposed site layout, and timeline for the project.

Councilmember Fitzgerald asked about the property transfer.

Chief Ewers stated that Grain Processing Corporation has agreed to exchange the current fire station property for the new site.

Councilmember Bynum asked if there were any obstacles to be expected during construction.

Chief Ewers stated there aren't any obstacles foreseen except for normal issues such as today's unforeseen utility issues.

Councilmember Bynum thanked Chief Ewers for moving this project forward.

Councilmember Roby stated she attended a recent town meeting and many supported the new fire station improvements. She stated Chief Ewers must be really excited to see the project moving forward.

Councilmember Shihadeh asked if the timeline could be shortened.

Chief Ewers answered no but added all the I-JOBS II dates will be met.

Under Council comments, Councilmember Lange asked about the number of deer that were harvested in this year's deer management program.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated he would get that information from Rich Klimes in the Parks Department.

The meeting reconvened to City Administrator Mandsager's office.

#20423. Councilmember Shihadeh moved to go into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and union negotiations. Seconded by Councilmember Bynum. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

The Muscatine City Council went into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2011, to discuss pending litigation and union negotiations. Present were Mayor Dick O'Brien and Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Also present was City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

#20424. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to leave the Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Roby. All ayes: Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. Motion carried.

#20425. Councilmember Shihadeh moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. All ayes; motion carried.

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Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator