

CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JOINT MEETING  
City Hall Lower Level Conference Room – April 22, 2010

The joint meeting between the City Council and County Board of Supervisors went into session at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Dick O'Brien was present as were Councilmembers LeRette, Fitzgerald, Natvig, Shihadeh, Bynum, Roby, and Lange. County Board members present were Dave Watkins, Tom Furlong, Kas Kelly, and Wayne Shoultz. Also present were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Planning, Zoning and Building Safety Director Steve Boka, Public Works Director Randy Hill, Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois, Denise Bulat of the Bi-State Regional Commission, and Nancy Schreiber, representing the county.

Denise Bulat gave an overview of the services the Bi-State Regional Commission offers. She stated that dues are based on population with Muscatine County at \$18,000 and the City of Muscatine at \$10,000. She stated the majority of the services offered have to do with transportation, economic development and grant assistance.

Public Works Director Randy Hill introduced Ashley Newbrough who gave an update on the Mad Creek Watershed Project that began in 2007. Ms. Newbrough stated that last summer was spent investigating bacteria, which most likely comes from livestock and septic systems. She stated that an erosion assessment was done with areas identified for erosion control. She then discussed stream bank stabilization.

Ms. Newbrough stated that in the urban setting, measurements were taken of impervious surfaces. She discussed ways of slowing down storm water which could include residential rain gardens. Several grant opportunities have been applied for with the Soil & Water Conservation District acting as the lead agency.

The next topic for discussion was the solid waste management budget and flow control at the landfill.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager gave a general overview of the budget, fund balance, and flow control.

Solid Waste Manager Laura Liegois stated that statewide there has been a loss in tonnage due to recycling measures, economic issues, reduction in packaging materials, etc. The tipping fee was increased from \$41 to \$60 after the last cell expansion which resulted in waste being taken to other areas or out of state (Illinois).

There was discussion on ways to deal with the flow control issue at the landfill.

Under comments, Councilmember Roby stated she appreciates joint meetings between the city and the county and at future meetings would like to see a brainstorming session on how we can combine services or work together.

Councilmember Bynum asked about gang activity in the county.

Supervisor Kas Kelly stated a neighborhood meeting is planned for Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the County Administration Building. She stated that various representatives from the city and county will need to be working together to find solutions to the gang activity.

Councilmember Natvig stated the meeting proved to be useful.

Supervisor Wayne Shoultz thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Supervisor Dave Watkins agreed with Councilmember Roby and suggested other cities in the county be invited.

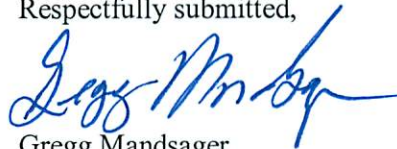
Supervisor Tom Furlong thanked everyone for attending and agreed that joint meetings are beneficial.

Supervisor Kelly stated that many tools are in place and that everyone needs to work together to address the gang issues.

Councilmembers Shihadeh and Fitzgerald as well as Mayor O'Brien thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregg Mandsager  
City Administrator