

Council Member Marsters stated Administrator Meyer could mention the concerns to Brimeyer with Zook commenting that some people might not apply because of the salary.

Administrator Meyer stated he thought Mason City was very much in line with other stand-alone communities such as Marshalltown, Fort Dodge, and Ottumwa, some of which had just hired an Administrator, and looking at a salary in the low 100's gave the Council an option.

Council Member Zook referred to the page that listed the organization of City services, second paragraph, where it states "Mercy Medical Hospital" and thought the correct title of "Mercy Medical Center North Iowa" should be used.

The Mayor called the question and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yea: Weaver, Tornquist, Zook, Jaszewski, Marsters  
Nay: Nelson  
(Motion was declared carried.)

## **2. 43rd St. Water Tower, Color/Logo:**

Administrator Meyer passed out some sketches that were dropped off in his office by citizens.

Mayor Bang asked if it made sense to have just the name of the City on the water tower and keep it consistent and simple. He also mentioned the new lettering for the signs in City parks and wondered if it made sense to keep the same style of lettering on the water tower (Eagle Feather Font).

Council Member Jaszewski stated he hated that lettering (font) and would vote against that suggestion advising if the Council wanted to keep it simple they should just go with the same type of lettering that was on the other water towers.

Council Member Marsters asked if there would be an additional cost to change the style of lettering with Administrator Meyer concurring.

Council Member Zook asked if anyone was in favor of putting "Mason City" in block letters going around the water tower, and instead of Mr. Toot, using musical notes which would tie in both Frank Lloyd Wright and the musical heritage of Mason City emphasizing the City was doing more things with music other than Mr. Toot or Meredith Willson.

Council Member Tornquist stated over the past few days he'd received feedback from roughly a dozen individuals, and the vast majority of them would like to see Mason City capitalize on its musical heritage if at all possible. He stated some people liked Mr. Toot and some did not, but if the Council was going to do something simple he liked the font that had the Frank Lloyd Wright feel to it and he liked the idea of black lettering and if the Council wanted to put a musical note or two on the tower, that was fine too. He emphasized he did not like the idea of having this water tower the same color as all the others and referenced the concrete base stating the others in town did not have that and thought it would look ugly to have aqua blue sitting on top of a concrete base in a cornfield. He suggested instead, that the Council look toward the earth tones like tan or beige.

Questions arose regarding the base color with Administrator Meyer stating the tank would be ash white and the lettering blue summit.

Council Member Weaver stated he agreed with Tornquist and thought the earth tones might be better since it was surrounded by a cornfield and, if music was the theme, he would like to see the musical notes wrapped all around the tank with the phrase, 'Mason City'. He further stated Council Member Marsters had a good point at the last Council meeting regarding the distance the water tower was from the Avenue and suggested that whatever the Council decided (regarding font) that it be as big as possible with Tornquist concurring.

Council Member Marsters stated his only point was he wanted to be fiscally responsible when it came to spending money on the water tower because there was \$3 million dollars identified in necessary sewer repairs and an ongoing I & I study which had the potential for doubling that figure. He reiterating that he did not think the City should spend extra money on painting or changing the design of the water tower

Council Member Nelson stated he was not hung up with Mr. Toot or having a musical note to identify the City's tradition and he would be very satisfied whether it was light blue or dark blue, just so it stood out and agreed with the Mayor that it should be kept simple.

**It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Marsters to paint the water tower in earth tones.**

Council Member Tornquist stated earth tones was fairly broad and asked what color of earth tones they were choosing.

Council Member Zook commented that there shouldn't be an extra cost (over the \$2,000 included for Mr. Toot) to take Mr. Toot off and instead throw on some musical notes.

Administrator Meyer stated he didn't know but would assume it would be harder to do musical notes all around the tower than it would be to just have one picture on a certain spot.

Council Member Marsters asked what the problem was with just keeping Mr. Toot on with Council Member Weaver stating, from his perspective, it represented a certain venue of music. He also stated there was kind of a renaissance going on downtown with businesses and live and thought musical notes were more representative of music than Mr. Toot.

Council Member Nelson mentioned that any musical note or Mr. Toot would not be visible a quarter mile away anyway, and asked why the City just didn't go with Mason City and decide on earth tone, black letters and get it settled. Council Member Jaszewski stated the color he would pick was Brimstone and the lettering Brick Red.

Assistant City Engineer Rahm stated he had talked to the consultant yesterday and was told the Council could choose any color out of the book for the same price, but if they started changing the design or lettering the cost would change advising right now it was in the Mistral font.

**It was moved by Jaszewski and seconded by Marsters to amend the motion to include the water tower being painted the color Brimstone with the lettering Brick Red and the only thing being painted on the tower would be the words "Mason City".**

The Mayor called the question on the amendment and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yea: Jaszewski, Marsters, Zook, Weaver, Nelson, Tornquist  
(Motion was declared carried.)

The Mayor called the question on the on the motion as amended and on roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yea: Nelson, Marsters, Jaszewski  
Nay: Tornquist, Zook, Weaver

**Upon clarification by the City Attorney Mayor Bang voted "Yea"**  
(Motion was declared carried.)