

June 8, 2010

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the June 2010 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Mike Haverkamp, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath, and Amy Moore. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Police Chief Fort, Treasurer Kimura, and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Andy Dudler, Linda Fincham, Alice Haugen, Rosanne Hopson, Al Leff, Harold Plate, Rich Schmidt, Larry Wilson and Mary Mathew Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Pat Yeggy.

The minutes of the May 11, 2010 and May 25, 2010 meetings of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: Rich Schmidt asked for the time line for the upcoming street construction on Sunset Avenue; Engineer Bilskemper replied that the street would be closed for 3 days to replace the panels. Panels on Melrose Avenue would be replaced over a two-week period.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From stated the city had received a JCCOG Traffic report on speed and volume data for Grand Ave. including part of north Sunset St. and part of Golfview Ave. Any questions can be answered by contacting John Yapp. Counts will also be taken in the future on Olive and Leamer Court, Oakcrest and Koser Avenues, around Horn School.

From received the final design for the city’s new logo and 75th anniversary logo from the graphic designer for city stationery. The 75th anniversary logo will be used on t-shirts to be sold to the public. The city will hopefully be able to recoup most of the designs costs from sales of the t-shirts.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Laverman, to adopt Resolution No. 10-15 authorizing the mayor to sign and the clerk to attest a 28E agreement with Johnson County SEATS for services for FY2011. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore - Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Absent
McGrath - Aye	

Attorney Ballard stated that the council did not need to consider adopting Resolution No. 10-16, entering into a 28E agreement with the Johnson County Joint Emergency Commission Center for dispatch services, as the city is automatically included in the service area. The city will enter into an equipment agreement with the Commission once it is operational and until that time service will continue with the City of Iowa City.

Council member Moore announced to the council and public that she and her husband purchased land and will be building a new house outside of city limits and therefore is resigning her council position. It is her intention to stay on the council until the position is filled. Moore sent letters to the city residents explaining her decision, including contact information for any questions citizens may have. Her letter will also be posted on the city website.

Attorney Ballard stated the council has two options for filling the vacant position: 1) the council may appoint a person to fill the vacancy. Notice will be published in the paper and names can be submitted to the city clerk for consideration and the council will vote to decide the successor, 2) the city could adopt a resolution for a special election. Cost for a special election would be approximately \$1,500. The city has appointed the past five vacancies by appointment.

Council members Haverkamp, Laverman, McGrath are in favor of appointing someone to fill the position. Council member Haverkamp requested that potential candidates provide a letter of application with their experience and interest related to the position.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. Three new rental permits were received since the last council meeting. The rental permits will be mailed to all rental property owners for the new fiscal year.

Finance Report: A written report was presented. Council member McGrath stated he and Council member Yeggy met with city accountant Steve Kuhl regarding financing options for the Melrose Wide Sidewalk Project. McGrath stated that the Iowa DOT is refunding the city quickly and combined with the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds the city receives it appears the city can self-fund the project. If the city needs to borrow, current interest rates are around 5%.

Treasurer’s Report: All bills presented, amended and approved by **unanimous consent**.

**Warrants
May 12, 2010 through June 8, 2010**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	13.56	Breese Plumbing & Heating	205.98
Matthew Fort	1,141.78	Fountain Transmission Specialists	125.00
Ronald Fort	1,018.20	Galls Incorporated	102.98
Benjamin Lord	692.64	General Tree Service	80.00
Brad Reinhard	1,548.98	Iowa City Police Department	15.00
Donald Strong.	1,110.14	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	1,738.50
McLeod USA/PAETEC	133.87	Leff Law Firm, L.L.P.	12,027.00
MidAmerican Energy	31.98	MPH Industries, Inc.	187.56
MidAmerican Energy	26.17	Nate Moore Wiring Service	28.20
MidAmerican Energy	67.55	Paul Moore	35.00
MidAmerican Energy	611.56	Pyramid Services Inc.	44.74
Christine Anderson	376.03	Racom Corporation	79.60
Matthew Fort	1,141.79	Staples	290.68
Ronald Fort	936.45	Verizon Wireless	90.02
Lori Kimura	238.78	Vic's Auto Body Repair, Inc.	500.00
Benjamin Lord	818.13	Ultramax	556.00
Brad Reinhard	1,490.49	Russ Boyer Construction	340.00
Donald Strong	1,113.16	Myriah Boyer	60.00
Wellmark BC/BS	1,245.50	L.L. Pelling Co., Inc.	164.06
Hills Bank and Trust	27,353.34	City of Iowa City	44.00
IPERS	2,364.88	Aero Rental	73.22
IPERS	86.53	American Legion	91.85
MidwestOne Bank	3,800.74	Norm Cate	455.00
Paul Moore	867.00	Terry Goerd	1,190.00
ABC Solutions	24.95	Iowa City Press-Citizen	162.61
SEATS	689.86	VISA	176.71
Brad Reinhard	187.53	Intrigue Graphics	1,489.00
City of Iowa City	21,243.43		

Total Receipts \$ 79,907.57 Total Warrants \$ 90,727.73

Community Protection: A written report was received from Police Chief Fort. Fort announced that he is interviewing reserve officers and would like to have a total of 11 reserves rather than 10. Council agreed.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Moore, to increase the police officers’ raises to \$1.00. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye Moore - Aye
Laverman - Aye Yeggy - Absent
McGrath – Aye

Streets and Sidewalks: A written report was submitted by Council member Yeggy who was absent for the meeting. A tree trimming survey will begin in the near future; Yeggy is contemplating some type of notification process to assure compliance.

Engineer Bilskemper stated that Sunset Street will be closed from June 9-11, 2010 for panel replacements; notification will be in the paper and on the city website. Bilskemper also report that the contracts have been received back from J & L Construction, LLC and the Iowa DOT is reviewing all of the paperwork for the Melrose Ave. wide sidewalk project. Construction will begin the week of June 21st.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Laverman stated that the building permit forms are now on the city website. Building permit forms for the Horn School addition and the renovation for the former Taste on Melrose restaurant should be received soon.

Pat Bauer stated he will ask for an architectural mass model if the developers submit their plans for the St. Andrew Church lot.

E-Government: Council member Haverkamp updated the council on recent additions to the city website, including building permit forms, a year-long garbage sticker application, reminisces from citizens and additions to the historical database.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Laverman, to approve a contract with Mediacom to provide a static IP address to participate in the Johnson County Joint Emergency Communication system. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Moore - Aye
Laverman - Aye	Yeggy - Absent
McGrath – Aye	

JCCOG: A written report was presented.

Announcements: The Garden Club Garden Walk will be held June 27, 2010. Flyers will be distributed to all citizens. The 75th Anniversary University Heights parade will be held Sunday, August 29, 2010 at 2:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 8:17p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor