

November 7, 2011

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at Horn School, 600 Koser Ave., subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the November 7, 2011 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Mike Haverkamp, Rosanne Hopson, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Pat Yeggy. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Pat Ford, Police Chief Fort, Treasurer Kimura, and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Kathie Belgum, Andy Dudler, Ann Dudler, Jan Leff, John McLure, Mary Mathew Wilson, Larry Wilson, Rachel Stewart and Ken Yeggy.

The minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: None.

Mayor’s Report: Report deferred to December council meeting. Mayor From thanked the staff at Horn Elementary School for allowing the city meeting to be held at the school and John McLure for videotaping the meeting.

Legal Report: None. Attorney Pat Ford attended in the meeting in Attorney Ballard’s absence.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. Four new building permits were received since the last meeting.

Finance Report:

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve Resolution No. 11-17, approving the FY11 annual Finance Report. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye McGrath - Aye
Hopson - Aye Yeggy - Aye
Laverman – Aye

Council member McGrath distributed a report from Terry, Lockridge & Dunn explaining the work they conducted on behalf of the city. Council member Yeggy asked if the firm had sent a breakdown of the costs for the TIF analysis and the city’s financial analysis. Yeggy stated she would like to see a more detailed breakdown of the costs. Council member Laverman suggested that a meeting with McGrath, Yeggy and Mike Mesch would be beneficial; McGrath stated he would set-up the meeting.

Council member McGrath commented that he spoke with Jim Lane regarding financial information that would be useful for the council. Lane suggested that a budget verses actual report would be helpful. McGrath presented a PowerPoint presentation with revenue and expenditures from July 2011 to October 2011. McGrath commented that he felt reviewing the budget quarterly would be helpful to the council.

Treasurer’s Report: A written report was presented. Council decided to defer payment of the Terry, Lockridge & Dunn bill until further invoice details were provided. All bills presented were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

Warrants
October 12, 2011 through November 7, 2011

Table with 4 columns: Name, Amount, Name, Amount. Rows include Matthew Fort (1,359.96), Ronald Fort (861.46), Benjamin Lord (746.91), Paul Moore (867.00), Verizon Wireless (121.63), and Brad Reinhard (81.75).

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Yeggy, to approve Resolution No. 11-20, authorizing the major to sign and clerk to attest to a contract with Shive-Hattery, Inc. for consulting services related to the Sunset Street Wide Sidewalk project. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	McGrath - No
Hopson - No	Yeggy - Aye
Laverman – Aye	

Council member Yeggy reminded the council that all street signs in University Heights must be replaced by 2015. Yeggy distributed a report listing the condition of each sign and the estimated year for replacement. She asked the council to review and let her know of any comments. The plan will be discussed when the new council is installed in January.

Yeggy commented that the City of Iowa City had mowed and did rough trimming of the property adjacent to Emerald Street. Yeggy will follow up with the City of Iowa City Streets Dept. to discuss who is responsible for the property areas that border Iowa City streets and report back to the council at the next meeting.

Yeggy commented that Seth Bihun, with Total Tree Care, stated there were four to five trees in UHs that should be removed. Yeggy stated she had contacted the property owners, either via e-mail or phone. Yeggy further stated the stumps would be removed and sodding replaced but there were no plans for replanting trees at this time.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Laverman commented that he appreciated the note Johnson County Refuse had left him at his residence; he felt they were enforcing the garbage policies fairly.

E-government: Council member Haverkamp stated the cable franchise contract will be expiring soon and he suggested to Attorney Ballard that the city include, in the negotiations, taping the city council meetings.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOJC): Report deferred to December meeting.

Announcements: Council member Laverman stated the October meeting was his last as a council member; he will be unable to attend the December meeting. Mayor From reminded all residents to vote in the city election on Nov. 8th and that the polling place, St. Andrew Church, would be open from 7am to 8pm.

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

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise From, Mayor