

November 19, 2012

Minutes of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, special meeting held at the University Heights City Office, 1004 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SUNSET STREET WIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Mayor Louise From called the November 19, 2012, special meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 4:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council members: Mike Haverkamp; Rosanne Hopson; Jan Leff; and Brennan McGrath. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper; Engineer Trom; and Attorney Steve Ballard. Also present: none.

Engineer Trom updated the Council on his discussions with property owners Forbes, Aanestad, and Timmerman, regarding acquisition of easements and property related to the Wide Sidewalk Project, including landscaping and fence costs.

Motion by Hopson, **second** by Haverkamp to hold a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the city would have to pay for the property.

Ave: Haverkamp; Hopson; Lane; Leff; McGrath.

Nay: none.

Motion adopted.

A closed session of the Council meeting was then held.

Mayor From reconvened the open session of the Council meeting.

Motion by Lane, **second** by Haverkamp to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Aanestad to purchase a temporary construction easement and to purchase certain real property, and to pay certain landscaping and related expenses in the total amount of \$9,001.00, plus closing costs, which will be paid by the City.

Ave: Haverkamp; Hopson; Lane; Leff; McGrath.

Nay: none.

Motion by McGrath, **second** by Leff to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Forbes to purchase a temporary construction easement and to purchase certain real property, and to pay certain landscaping and related expenses in the total amount of \$9,964.00, plus closing costs, which will be paid by the City.

Ave: Haverkamp; Hopson; Lane; Leff; McGrath.

Nay: none.

Motion by Leff, **second** by Lane to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Timmerman to purchase a certain real property and pay certain landscaping and related expenses in the total amount of \$4,781.00, plus closing costs, which will be paid by the City.

Ave: Haverkamp; Hopson; Lane; Leff; McGrath.

Nay: none.

The Mayor and Council thanked Kevin Trom for his work on this project, particularly negotiating the property acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:50 p.m.

**Attest: Steven E. Ballard, City Attorney
(taking minutes)**

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor