

August 13, 2013

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at University Club, 1360 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Louise From called the August 2013, meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council members: Mike Haverkamp; Rosanne Hopson; Jim Lane; and Jan Leff. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, Police Chief Ron Fort, City Clerk Anderson, Treasurer Kimura and City Engineer, Josiah Bilskemper. Also present were: Pat Bauer, Andy Dudler, Matt Fort, Alice Haugen, Tom Haugen, Chris Luzzie, Virginia Miller, Rachel Prickman, Marvin Sims, Rachel Stewart, Jane Swails, Shaun Patrick Vecera, Al Wells, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

Absent: Council member Brennan McGrath.

The minutes of the July 9, 2013 regular meeting were amended to correct the typo from "May" to "Mayor" on page 3. The minutes were approved, as amended, by unanimous consent. The minutes of the July 29, 2013 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**Public Input:** Pat Bauer, of 338 Koser Avenue, Mary Mathew Wilson, of 308 Koser Avenue, Jane Swails, of 333 Koser Avenue, Marvin Sims Jr., of 1265 Melrose Avenue, Andy Dudler, of 205 Koser Avenue, Pat Yeggy, 305 Ridgeview Avenue, Alice Haugen, of 1483 Grand Avenue, and Al Wells of 128 Koser Avenue addressed the council with their concerns.

**Mayor's Report:** A written report was presented.

Mayor From thanked the Athletic Club for providing the meeting space and John McLure for video-taping the meeting.

Mayor From stated that the next Farmers Market is August 2, 2013 at St. Andrew's parking lot and the last Market is October 1, 2013.

From reported that the University Club (UC) East room is available September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup> for the Focus Group meeting. UC Administration will confirm the final dates after Labor Day. From asked the council members and staff to reserve those three dates on their schedules.

The county changed from Code Red to the Johnson County Emergency Notification System (JCENS) on July 1, 2013. This is a free opt-in service for Johnson County residents. Residents can sign-up at: [http://www.johnson-county.com/dept\\_emergency.aspx?id=889](http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_emergency.aspx?id=889).

**Legal Report:** A written report was presented.

Discussion of parking at 1265 Melrose Avenue was tabled until the next council meeting.

**MOTION** by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to accept Officer Josh Beeks' counter-offer, to reimburse the City a total of \$10,000.00 with \$6,800 payable now and \$3,200 payable in equal installments over the next 18 months (\$177.78 per month). Additionally, Officer Beeks would be required to sign a "Confession of Judgment" contract with the city. **Not Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Leff - No
Hopson - No	McGrath - Absent
Lane - No	

The council directed Attorney Ballard to convey to Tom Gelman, the lawyer representing Jeff Maxwell, the city stands by the terms of the agreement between the City and Mr. Maxwell concerning reimbursement of professional fees associated with the proposed development.

**Clerk's Report:** A written clerk report was presented.

The city will have an election this year and Clerk Anderson stated that election information was posted to the city website, with hard copies available at the council meeting. Nomination papers can be accepted starting Monday, August 12, 2013 with the

deadline Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The nomination papers must be delivered to the Auditor's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2013.

Anderson reported she will have major surgery on August 22<sup>nd</sup> but intends to conduct city business during her recovery period.

**Finance Report:** A verbal report was presented.

Pat Bauer addressed his report to the council regarding historical financial information that he presented at the last council meeting. Bauer reiterated that he hopes his report can help facilitate a more informed process for municipal budgeting and consideration of city finances.

Bauer stated "it was challenging" to identify the proper accounting categories for non-regular revenue and expenditures and to appropriately account for them in his report. After the last meeting, Bauer reported that approximately \$200,000 in Sunset Street Wide-Sidewalk money that had not been identified properly. In addition, approximately \$40,000 for reimbursement of professional fees for the proposed St. Andrew development and some federal stimulus money had not been accounted for on Bauer's report. Bauer stated that it "doesn't change dramatically" the historical numbers on the updated reports.

The missing information did impact the "derived calculations" report that Bauer circulated. The city surplus decreased from approximately \$300,000 to \$100,000, the Local Option Sales Tax money increase accordingly and the figures supported the 80/20 split for the Wide-Sidewalk projects.

Bauer suggested that the city request the City Engineer created a yearly capital improvement plan to be used during the budget process. Bauer stated that Iowa City has a five year plan projecting capital improvements and how they will be financed.

**MOTION** by Lane, seconded by Leff, to renew the CD at Hills Bank, which matures on 8/20/13, for no longer than 24 months and not less than .5%. The Finance Chair and City Treasurer will make the decision based on those parameters. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Leff - Aye
Hopson - Aye	McGrath - Absent
Lane - Aye	

**MOTION** by Lane, seconded by Haverkamp, to renew the CD at the University of Iowa Community Credit Union, which matures on 8/25/13, for no longer than 24 months and not less than .5%. The Finance Chair and City Treasurer will make the decision based on those parameters. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Leff - Aye
Hopson - Aye	McGrath - Absent
Lane - Aye	

**Treasurer's Report:** A written report was presented. All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants  
July 10, 2013 through August 13, 2013**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	101.50	City of Iowa City	13.56
Joshua Beeks	1,097.70	Terry Goerd	910.00
Matthew Fort	1,362.37	Norm Cate	770.00
Ronald Fort	1,798.69	Shive Hattery	8,814.38
Jeremy Stenda	1,283.58	Shive Hattery	20,043.93
Darryl Tucker	1,327.02	Vieth Construction	83,236.92
Internal Revenue Service	2,778.46	Allen Worden	1,347.50
Windstream	144.64	Vic's Auto Body Repair, Inc.	500.00
MidAmerican Energy	26.79	St. Andrew Presbyterian Church	30.00
MidAmerican Energy	35.78	Nate Moore Wiring Service	52.17
MidAmerican Energy	96.20	Iowa Prison Industries	784.35
MidAmerican Energy	619.21	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	1,738.50
MidAmerican Energy	39.98	Mediacom	109.95
Anderson, Christine M.	422.58	Iowa City Press-Citizen	183.70
Joshua Beeks	956.71	Westport Touchless Autowash	36.00
Matthew Fort	1,472.50	Copyworks	480.74
Ronald Fort	1,404.82	Staples	226.73



**Building, Zoning, and Sanitation:** Council member McGrath was absent. Clerk Anderson read a written report to the council. Discussion of the items in the report is tabled until the September council meeting.

Discussion of the timeline for the Zoning Commission recommendations of ordinance changes will be tabled until the January 2014 meeting.

**E-government:** A written report was presented. The Johnson County Emergency Notification link has been added to the city website.

**Focus Group Report:** Council members Haverkamp and Leff met with MPOJC staff members Kent Ralston and John Yapp, along with Jeff Maxwell and Kevin Monson on August 12, 2013 to discuss items to be covered by the focus group. Leff stated that an area of concern for her is how to bring citizens up-to-speed on items so informed decisions can be made of what is and is not viable. Haverkamp stated that there needs to be a “footprint” from the last discussion, a site plan for the 4-2 model, residential only, and a site plan for 6-park, with 6 story building in back and park in front.

Haverkamp and Leff will meet again with the MPOJC staff in early September prior to the regular council meeting.

**Announcements:** None.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:52 p.m.

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**Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk**

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**Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor**