

September 10, 2013

**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 September, 2013 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Rosanne Hopson, Jim Lane, and Brennan McGrath. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Treasurer Kimura, and Police Chief Fort. Also present were Tom Haugen, Alice Haugen, Virginia Miller, Andy Dudler, Pat Bauer, Chris Luzzie, June Braverman, M. Sims, Dell Richard, Rich Schmidt, Mary Schmidt, Silvia Quezada, Samantha Hauser, Aavika Stone, Duncan Stewart, Mary M. Wilson, and Larry T. Wilson.

Absent: Council Member Jan Leff and City Clerk Anderson.

The minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting were discussed. Hopson requested that the minutes be corrected to change "Athletic Club" to "University Club" under the Mayor's Report and to indicate that the motion to reimburse for certain tree damage was "**Carried**". The minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting, as corrected, were approved by unanimous consent.

**Public Input:** Citizens addressed the council with respect to the City's finances, the portable toilet ordinance, traffic patterns on Melrose Avenue, and parking on yards

Steve Smith with Johnson County Refuse indicated that he was not interested in renewing the contract with the City for snow removal and sanding. He will work with the Council to find another suitable contractor and with that contractor to transition the service.

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

Mayor From thanked the University Club for providing the meeting space and to John McLure for video-recording the meeting.

Mayor From reported that a citizen had volunteered to help coordinate a candidate forum.

Mayor From stated that the last Farmers Market is October 1, 2013 at St. Andrew's parking lot. Mayor From thanked Jerry Musser for his efforts in refuse removal and clean-up at the Farmers Markets.

Mayor From reported on the MPO-JC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee meeting and the MPO-JC Regional Trails and Bicycle Committee.

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

Attorney Ballard reported on parking on yards, reimbursement for law enforcement training, and reimbursement for professional fees related to proposed redevelopment of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church property.

**MOTION** at 7:30 p.m. by Hopson, seconded by Haverkamp that the Council hold a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the City in that litigation.

Haverkamp - Aye  
Hopson - Aye  
Lane - Aye

Leff - Absent  
McGrath - Aye

The Council then met in closed session.

Regular session of the Council meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

**MOTION** by Hopson, seconded by Haverkamp to authorize the City Attorney to file a lawsuit against former Officer Joshua W. Beeks to recover the full amount due and owing under the City’s Law Enforcement Training Expense Reimbursement Agreement with Beeks, as well as costs and attorney fees. **Carried.**

**Clerk’s Report:** A written report was submitted.

The Clerk reported on building permits, rental permits, election papers returned, rental property inspections, and a complaint about grass/weeds abutting the Emerald Street right-of-way.

The City discussed mowing of grass and/or weeds and other vegetation that abut Emerald Street in Iowa City. Attorney Ballard will follow up with City of Iowa City representatives concerning this matter and report to the Council.

**Finance Report:**

Council Member Lane reviewed certificates of deposit and rates, and a limited edition savings account. Lane will continue to monitor rates and report back to the Council.

Lane indicated review of the budget was ongoing. Council discussed income and expense information.

**MOTION** by Lane, seconded by Hopson to adopt Resolution No. 13-16 Approving and Adopting the IDOT Annual City Street Finance Report for July 21, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Two written reports were presented.

**MOTION** by Hopson, seconded by Lane for the Council to pay \$50.00 to Brian Hinshaw, the balloon artist, for services at the community picnic. **Carried.**

**MOTION** by Haverkamp, seconded by Hopson to pay \$48.00 for the costs of child care at the upcoming Focus Group Meeting to discuss redevelopment of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church property. **Carried.**

All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants  
August 14, 2013 through September 10, 2013**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Joshua Beeks	805.59	Bob Ruppert	75.00
Matthew Fort	1,491.45	City of Coralville	2,427.00
Ronald Fort	1,860.46	CenturyLink	155.67
Jeremy Stenda	1,252.29	Eastern Iowa Community College	65.00
Darryl Tucker	1,672.45	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	290.00
Internal Revenue Service	2,975.34	Iowa City Press-Citizen	287.10
MidAmerican Energy	28.53	Iowa City Tire and Service	532.86
MidAmerican Energy	38.20	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	1,738.50
MidAmerican Energy	43.87	Mediacom	109.95
MidAmerican Energy	118.84	Pyramid Services Inc.	618.03
MidAmerican Energy	619.29	Racom Corporation	766.10
Christine Anderson	297.10	Stanard & Associates, Inc.	36.00



will consider these three proposals, but the notice will also include information to the effect that other proposals, including the possibility of no development, will be available for discussion. McGrath will speak with MPO-JC, which will facilitate the meeting, with regard to the wording of the notice to citizens. The meeting notice will be submitted to the Iowa City Press-Citizen. Child care will be provided at the meeting.

Additional public input was received concerning city finances, interest rates on City deposits, property development, and diversity and gender equity in City employment and positions.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:51 p.m.**

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**Attest: Steven E. Ballard, City Attorney  
substituting for Christine Anderson, City Clerk**

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