

January 14, 2014

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

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the January, 2014 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Virginia Miller, Zadok Nampala and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Clerk Anderson, Treasurer Kimura, and Police Chief Fort. Also present were Pat Bauer, Andy Dudler, Alice Haugen, Jase Humphrey, Catherine Lane, Chris Luzzie, Jeff Maxwell, Rich Schmidt, Steve Smith, Jane Swails, Al Wells, Larry Wilson, Mary Mathew Wilson and Ken Yeggy.

The minutes of the December 10, 2013 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the January 7, 2014 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: Alice Haugen, 1483 Grand Avenue, Jane Swails, 333 Koser Avenue, Catherine Lane, 303 Highland Drive and Jeff Maxwell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa addressed the council with their concerns.

Mayor's Report: A written report was presented.

Mayor From thanked the Iowa City Community School District and Horn School for providing the meeting space and to John McLure for video-recording the meeting.

From thanked her Most Valuable (Volunteer) Players for 2013: Carol Ann Christiansen and Pat Yeggy, for their work with the Garden Club, Chris Luzzie, for her work in establishing the University Heights Community Fund, John McLure for videotaping city council meetings and to Al Wells who volunteered to maintain the Triangle Park.

From appointed Randall Aitchison to the Board of Adjustments and Stuart Rosebrook to the Zoning Commission. Also appointed to the Zoning Commission was Patricia Yeggy, who will complete Silvia Quezada's term. From thanked Michael Flaum for his 10 years of service on the Board of Adjustments and to Pat Bauer for his 16 years of service as Chair of the Zoning Commission.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye                      Nampala - Aye  
Lane - Aye                              Quezada - Aye  
Miller - Aye

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Miller, to approve final consideration of Ordinance No. 186 amending Ordinance No. 120 to modify speed limits on certain city streets. Carried.

Haverkamp - Aye                      Nampala - Aye  
Lane - Aye                              Quezada - Aye  
Miller - Aye

Clerk's Report: A written report was presented.

Finance Report: A verbal report was presented. Council member Lane indicated he will have a preliminary budget for the next council meeting.

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



**MOTION** by Miller, seconded by Quezada, to approve partial payment (50%) for removal of the ash tree on city right of way at 205 Koser Avenue. **Carried.**

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| Haverkamp - Aye | Nampala - Aye |
| Lane - Aye      | Quezada - Aye |
| Miller – Aye    |               |

**MOTION** by Miller, seconded by Haverkamp, to have the city clerk bill the property owners at 114 Highland Drive and 205 Koser Avenue for their 50% share of their respective tree removal bills. **Carried.**

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| Haverkamp - Aye | Nampala - Aye |
| Lane - Aye      | Quezada - Aye |
| Miller – Aye    |               |

Council member Miller secured \$1,000 in grant funds from MidAmerican Energy to plant trees in the city. Miller also secured matching funds (\$1,000) from Midwest One and Hills Banks. Consideration will be given to high pedestrian traffic areas with little shade.

A written engineer report was presented.

**Community Relations:** A verbal report was presented. Miller stated that any citizen who would like to participate on a committee should contact her.

**Building, Zoning, and Sanitation:** A verbal report was presented.

Steve Smith, owner of Johnson County Refuse, stated he is working with the University of Iowa and several restaurants on composting waste. As a pilot group, Smith is looking for a city to add to this group and mentioned University Heights would be a good candidate.

Smith reminded the council the current contract ends June 2014 and he suggested adding two leaf vacuums to the schedule. Smith addressed citizen concerns and questions.

Mayor From gave a Certificate of Appreciation to Smith and thanked him for his snow removing services from 2001-2013.

**eGovernment:** A written report was presented. University Heights has a Twitter account: [twitter.com/UHeightsIA](https://twitter.com/UHeightsIA)

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 8:22 p.m.**

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

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