

July 24, 2014

Proceedings of the Special Meeting of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the City Office, 1004 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Mayor From called the July 24, 2014 Special Meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Virginia Miller, and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper and Attorney Ballard. Also present: Catherine Lane. **Absent:** Council Member Carla Aldrich.

ADA Curb Ramp Replacement: Bilskemper submitted a written report and noted at the meeting that two bids had been received for this project: one from LL Pelling for \$23,500; the other from J&L Construction for \$14,485. Bilskemper noted that the J&L Construction bid was higher than the \$12,000 engineer estimate for the project, the chief difference being the cost of sodding. Bilskemper noted that J&L Construction understands the work, the schedule, and the City's expectations; J&L Construction has worked on City projects in the past and performed very well.

MOTION by Lane, seconded by Quezada, to award the ADA Curb Ramp Replacement project to J&L Construction. **Carried.**

Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). The Mayor and Council discussed the upcoming LOST ballot issue, which will be part of general election November 4, 2014. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors requests input from Cities in the County as to the preferred duration of LOST, if it is adopted. The Board will be meeting with representatives of Cities in the County on July 28 for the annual "Cities Meeting", and the duration and mechanics of LOST will be discussed. The Council directed the Mayor to request minimum 10-year duration for LOST. Discussion also occurred on the contents of the City's Revenue Purpose Statement; further discussion and a decision concerning that statement will occur at the August 12, 2014, Council meeting.

Culvert Connection Agreement – 905 Melrose Avenue. Bilskemper and Ballard reported that an agreement had been reached with Bruce Moyer, owner of 905 Melrose Avenue, permitting him to connect drainage tile on his property to the City drain pipe/culvert that runs underneath the alley that is east of Olive Court. Mr. Moyer has discussed drainage issues with neighboring property owners, as well, and believes the connection will address certain drainage issues.

MOTION by Quezada, seconded by Miller, to authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest an "Agreement Concerning Connection to City Drainage Pipe". **Carried.**

Vacant Council Position: Ballard noted that there have been several decisions and directives from elections officials as to whether the City will or will not have a ballot issue November 4 to fill the Council seat to which Aldrich was appointed July 8. The Johnson County Auditor announced July 22 such an election would be held but then revised that announcement and announced July 23 that such an election would not be held. The latest change occurred because the City would hold a primary if a sufficient number of candidates applied.

Engineer's Report: A written report was presented.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 6:46 p.m.**

Attest: Steven E. Ballard, City Attorney

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor