

April 11, 2017

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the Community Center, 1302 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor From called the April 2017 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Mike Haverkamp, Jim Lane, Dotti Maher and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Anderson, Engineer Bilskemper, Interim Police Chief Kris Lyon and Treasurer Kimura. Also present were Christian Aanestad, Pat Bauer, Andy Dudler, Ann Dudler, Jase Humphrey, Benjamin Kohn, Catherine Lane, Jeff Maxwell, Virginia Miller, Mark Reinders, Glenn Siders, Carolyn Wells, Brad Wiley, Ken Yeggy and Pat Yeggy.

Absent: Council member Jerry Zimmermann.

The minutes of the March 14, 2017 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY TO RENEW NONEXCLUSIVE ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SUPPLY, OPERATIONS, AND MAINTENANCE FRANCHISES.

Mayor From called the public hearing on the proposal by MidAmerican Energy Company to renew nonexclusive electric and natural gas supply, operations, and maintenance franchises to order at 7:05 p.m. No members of the public spoke regarding the proposed budget. Mayor From closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor From reopened the regular council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

MidAmerican Franchises:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 203, granting MidAmerican Energy Company a nonexclusive franchise for electric supply, operations and maintenance for a period of 20 years was tabled until the May council meeting.

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Public Comments: The following addressed the council with their concerns:

Virginia Miller – 7 Glencrest Drive

Christian Aanestad – 526 Mahaska Court

Updates of One University Place Construction: Jeff Maxwell, developer for the OUP project, updated the council regarding progress of the construction. Glenn Siders submitted a written report.

Mayor's Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From read a proclamation that May 2017 is Bike Month in University Heights.

Safe Kids Awareness Day will be held on May 7th, 2011 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Coral Ridge Mall.

Chairman Pat Bauer updated the council on the Zoning Commission meeting held on April 4th.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to approve Resolution No. 17-08, amending the city's public records requests policy. Discussion by council.

Consideration on Ordinance No. 201, urban chickens, was tabled until the May council meeting, pending revisions to the draft ordinance.

Council member Quezada, Mayor From and Interim Police Chief Lyon will begin drafting a football game-day policy for discussion at a public forum.

Council members Quezada and Maher will draft changes to the deer hunt ordinance and present at the May council meeting.

Community Protection: A written report was presented by Interim Police Chief Kris Lyon. A verbal report was presented by council member Maher.

MOTION by Lane, seconded by Maher, to approve .75 cent per hour raises for Officers Schmitz and Simcox for FY18. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Abstain
Zimmermann– Absent	

MOTION by Maher, seconded by Haverkamp, to approve that the part-timer officers (Sandifer and York) can carry weapons. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann– Absent	

Council member Maher updated the council on the fireworks legislation pending at the Statehouse. The city could prohibit fireworks by resolution and this will be considered at the May council meeting.

Jessica Pekover, with Johnson County Jail Alternatives, will give a presentation at the May council meeting, regarding treatment services for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues who have dealings with the criminal justice system.

Streets and Sidewalks: A verbal report was presented by council member Maher. City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report.

Council members Haverkamp and Maher, along with Engineer Bilskemper, will work on a complete streets policy for the city.

eGovernment: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Haverkamp, seconded by Lane, to adopt the Community Center polices. **Carried.**

Haverkamp - Aye	Lane - Aye
Maher - Aye	Quezada - Aye
Zimmermann– Absent	

Announcements: Virginia Miller, chair of the city’s Tree Board, will give a presentation on trees at 7:00 pm, on April 17, 2017, at the Community Center.

The City-Wide Clean-up Day will be held on April 22, 2017, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The dumpsters will be located on Marietta Avenue in front of Grandview Court. More information is located on the city website.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:40 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor