

May 28, 2019

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.

WORK SESSION

Mayor From called the May 28, 2019, work session of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Dotti Maher, Virginia Miller, Liesa Moore and Silvia Quezada. Staff present: City Clerk Chris Anderson and City Engineer Josiah Bilskemper. No members of the public attended.

Public Comments: None.

City Engineer Bilskemper began discussion with a historical overview of the sidewalk repair process. In 2014, the city began to review sidewalks by zones, with inspection and repairs occurring in 2014-2017. Citizens received letters from the city stating they could join the “city project” or repair on their own. In December 2018, the council voted to suspend the project and review the sidewalk repair process.

Items discussed by council:

- 1) Pros and cons for repairing whole street block instead of individual sections,
- 2) Minimize how repairs impact water runoff and storm sewer management,
- 3) Determine equitable and objective prioritization for repairs,
- 4) Pros and cons for city to assume repairs and for snow, ice and debris clearing,
- 5) Determine funding source for sidewalk repairs, if city assumes responsibility.

Council directed City Engineer to review southeast quadrant for needed repairs. In addition, Bilskemper will inspect sidewalks for potential standing/ponding water on the sidewalk, trip hazards and visibility issues. Bilskemper will report his findings and recommendations at either the July or August council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 8:06 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor