

January 8, 2008

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 January, 2008 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Andrew Dudler, David Giese, Stan Laverman, Brennan McGrath and Amy Moore. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Treasurer Kimura, Police Chief Fort and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Kevin Hochhalter, Chris Luzzie, Arthur Nowak, Mike Stoffregen and David Wood .

The minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting and the January 4, 2008 special meeting of the Council were presented and approved by **unanimous consent**.

Public Input: David Wood informed the council that all new council e-mail addresses have been created and are ready for use. Wood urged the council to use the new e-mail addresses and to keep business e-mails separate from personal e-mails.

MOTION by Giese, seconded by Dudler, for the council to use separate e-mail addresses for council and personal use. Carried.

Arthur Nowak, President of the Birkdale Court Condominium Association, informed the council of a problem with the commercial spot light in use at the University Athletic Club (UAC). The spot light used to be used for special occasions and would automatically turn-off at 6:30 pm; now the light is on all night and the light is directed towards the rear of the Birkdale condominiums. Nowak called the UAC on November 14, 2007 and the first week of January, 2008 but nothing has been resolved. Attorney Ballard will call the UAC to speak about this matter.

Mike Stoffregen and Chris Luzzie spoke regarding the possible formation of a University Heights Community Fund. The community funds fall under the auspices of the Chamber Leadership Program which began in 2000. The program has surpassed \$1,000,000 in grants to Johnson County; currently they possess \$3.6 million in assets and \$4.5 million in pledges and bequests. The program will match up to \$2,500 to start an endowment in University Heights; additionally, there are possible tax credits which donors would earn if they donate to the fund.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to proceed with the formation of a University Heights Community Fund. Carried.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor From welcomed the new council and listed the new committee appointments:

- Stan Laverman- Chair of Finance & Mayor Pro Tem
- Brennan McGrath- Chair of Community Protection
- David Giese- Chair of Streets & Sidewalks
- Amy Moore- Chair of Building, Zoning & Sanitation
- Andy Dudler- Chair of E-government & Webmaster; member of Community Protection
- Louise From- City representative to JCCOG & Emergency Management

Mayor From announced the following appointments:

Appointments to Zoning Commission:

Reappointed Karl Robertson; term expires 12/31/2012.
Dr. William Gay was appointed to fulfill Andy Dudler’s term. His term expires 12/31/2009.

Appointment to Board of Adjustments

Reappointed Tom Breese; term expires 12/31/2012.

McGrath also asked the council to consider for its February meeting making it a municipal infraction for sidewalks that are not cleared off in a timely manner.

Chief Fort introduced the Reserve Officer candidates to the Council and discussed their qualifications.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Moore, to hire Brent Andersen and Tyler LaKose as Reserve Officers on the University Heights Police Department.

Streets and Sidewalks: Council member Giese stated that he intends to take a more proactive stance regarding cleaning sidewalks after it snows. He will work on generating a letter to leave at properties which are not in compliance, reminding them of the ordinance and their responsibilities. He also hopes to work with the City Clerk in generating a whole-city wide directory to be used for ensuring adherence to the ordinances.

City Engineer Bilskemper is compiling his “wish list” for the preliminary budget. He will e-mail to the council.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Pat Bauer introduced Kevin Hochhalter, the new student intern who will work with Bauer on updating the zoning ordinances for the city. Hochhalter began on January 7, 2008 and has already met with Pat Yeggy, David Wood and Josiah Bilskemper. Hochhalter will work approximately ten hours per week.

Council member Moore commented on the interest shown in the city survey regarding bio bags for refuse. Moore will look at the information gathered by Councilman McGrath.

There was discussion on whether Regency has secured the building closest to Marietta; it was recommended that a representative from Regency attend the February council meeting to address the council’s concerns.

E-Government: Council member Dudler noted there is notice on the website regarding snow shoveling for sidewalks.

JCCOG: Mayor From reported that the first meeting for 2008 will be January 30th.

Announcements:

Mayor From thanked the following volunteers & MVP’s of University Heights in 2007:

To June Braverman for organizing the entertainment for the Chautauqua; To Carol Ann Christiansen for organizing the Garden Walk; To Sharyn Reitz for organizing the building permits from the city achieves; To Donald Baxter for his work as webmaster for the city website; To Doug Moore for organizing, obtaining and cleaning the trash cans for the home football games; To David Wood for organizing the city council candidate’s night.

Councilman Laverman commented on the possibility of a city-wide “clean out” in conjunction with the hazardous waste clean-up the city had in 2007.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 8:29 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor