

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 8, 2000

7:00 P.M.

AT

**CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY OFFICE
1004 MELROSE AVENUE**

AGENDA

Call to Order.

Minutes of January.

Other Business: Steve Kuhl, Greenwood and Crim, 2000 Budget
Gary Kinsinger, annual Fire Department report
Report on Zoning Commission meeting
Consideration of Resolution Amending Loan Agreement and
Health Care Facility Revenue Bond, Series 1997 (Oaknoll
Project)

Public Input.

Treasurer's Report.

Payment of Bills.

Clerk's Report.

Legal Report.

Engineer's Report.

Police Report.

Committee Reports: Finance
Building, Zoning and Sanitation
Fire and Police
Street and Sidewalks
JCCOG

Next Meeting: March 14, 2000

Don Swanson, Mayor

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University Heights, Iowa

1004 Melrose Avenue

February 8, 2000

Mayor Swanson called to order a regular meeting of the Council at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Mayor Swanson; Council Members Gay, Jones, Martin; Attorney Ballard; Chad Lambi, Shive-Hattery Engineers & Architects; Police Chief McDonald; Treasurer Lane; Clerk Birk.

Others Present: John Ter Haar; Yon Schoenmaker; Leah Gause; Chris Anderson; R.F Vogel; Gretchen Blair; Steve Kuhl, Greenwood & Crim; Gary Kennedy, Kennedy Snow Removal; Chief Gary Kinsinger, Captain Bill Gorius, Coralville Fire Department; Police Officer Brian Shimon.

Absent: Council Members From, Jacobson.

ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting in January.
Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Steve Kuhl of Greenwood and Crim was present for the preliminary discussion of the FY2000 budget. The total amount proposed is \$498,249 which is an increase of \$20,000 over last year. Mr. Kuhl said that the projected expenses were based on committee estimates or previous budgeted amounts. Increases in the budget are due to: a 3% increase in wages for city employees, new radios, health insurance for police officers, training, hazmat fees, office expense, and street improvements. The mayor had asked that the property tax rate be set at a level that would cover expenses without having to use city reserves. The proposed rate is \$7.75, an increase of \$.35 over last year. An increase in rates at this time would also leave the city in a better position should there be another property tax freeze. The last time there was a property tax freeze the city's reserves were depleted. The final proposed budget will be presented at a public hearing on March 14.

Gary Kinsinger, Coralville Fire Chief, presented his department's annual report of calls to University Heights. In 1999 there were 39 incidents in University Heights. Twenty-seven of these call were emergency medical calls. Of the remaining 12 calls, there were 5 for hazardous conditions, 2 for smoke/odor removal and one each for structure fire, brush fire, refuse fire, smoke scare, and unintentional false call.

Attorney Ballard reported that the city Zoning Commission met for the second time to discuss a proposed housing code with regard to rental property. Ken Switzer, the Coralville housing inspector, was also present. The city is considering a 28E agreement with Coralville for inspection and enforcement purposes. A proposed housing code will be distributed to the commission members, council members, and any members of the public who so request, in advance of a public meeting that will be held on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church. A notice of this meeting will be distributed to every address and homeowner and it will include a summary of the provisions that will be enacted. Instructions for receiving a full copy of the proposed ordinance will also be given.

Attorney Ballard plans to have a document ready to distribute to Council Members at the March City Council meeting, but expects that it will be April before any action is taken.

PUBLIC INPUT: Chris Anderson asked Council to consider changing the ordinance prohibiting parking on lawns so as to allow for weather emergencies. During a recent storm a co-worker stayed with her overnight. The guest's car was parked on the lawn and overnight a ticket was issued. Attorney Ballard said that a provision could be made for this type of situation. Allowing

police officers to exercise discretion was also mentioned. It was pointed out that exceptions to overnight parking regulations were usually given when permission was asked in advance. Attorney Ballard will put together some recommendations for Council to consider at their next meeting.

Gretchen Blair mentioned her concern about the large crow population. There was discussion, but no action will be taken.

Gary Kennedy of Kennedy Snow Removal was present to discuss a traffic ticket he received for running a stop sign while plowing snow from city streets. Officer Shimon explained the circumstances that lead to issuing the ticket. There have been complaints about Mr. Kennedy's driving from residents. He asked why this was not brought to his attention. The mayor said that there had been a breakdown in communication, which could be resolved. Mr. Kennedy said he would stop at all stop signs in the future. He asked for more help from the police in dealing with residents who push snow into the street. Officer Shimon said that the police would work with Mr. Kennedy to educate residents and enforce the laws.

Attorney Ballard will talk to the manager of Grandview Court to discuss snow removal in the parking area of Marietta.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Lane distributed the report for January.

MOTION by Jones, second by Martin, for payment of all the bills.

Carried.

WARRANTS – JANUARY

11550	Mid-American – street lights	Gen-CP	604.82
11559	Kieck's – uniform McDonald	Gen-CP	146.00
11560	Gall's – uniform Shimon	Gen-CP	11.98
11565	Garry McCune – film	Gen-CP	21.90
11572	City of Coralville – fire protection	Gen-CP	14,859.00
11582	Steve Stange – January	Gen-CP	356.64
11548	SEATS – December	Gen-HCE	591.50
11554	Johnson Co – Dec	Gen-HCE	1,350.00
11567	Lou Enloe – library	Gen-HCE	75.00
11568	Ann Laros – library	Gen-HCE	75.00
11569	Chelsa Collore – library	Gen-HCE	75.00
11570	Marcis Schaffer – library	Gen-HCE	75.00
11571	Nadine Hardy – library	Gen-HCE	75.00
11543	Iowa State Bank – Dec	Gen-P&A	2,230.41
11544	IPERS – clerk/treas	Gen-P&A	43.83
11544	IPERS – police	Gen-P&A	1,039.44
11545	Treasurer, State of Iowa – Dec withholding	Gen-P&A	316.00
11546	Iowa Workforce – 4 th qtr	Gen-P&A	20.91
11547	Nate Moore – Dec rent	Gen-P&A	650.00
11549	Johnson Co – Dec 99	Gen-P&A	1,666.25
11550	Mid-American – electric detail	Gen-P&A	106.70
11550	Mid-American – electric detail	Gen-P&A	106.06
11550	Mid-American – office electricity	Gen-P&A	42.30
11551	City of Iowa City – bus, Dec	Gen-P&A	2,337.50
11551	City of Iowa – Nov gas	Gen-P&A	177.37
11551	City of Iowa City – Dec gas	Gen-P&A	156.47
11551	City of Iowa City – administration	Gen-P&A	20.00

11552	City of Iowa City – Dec water	Gen-P&A	13.97
11553	McLeod TMO – telephone	Gen-P&A	114.39
11555	Shive-Hattery – professional services	Gen-P&A	958.50
11561	US Cellular – phone	Gen-P&A	89.83
11562	Press-Citizen – publishing	Gen-P&A	83.42
11563	IMFOA – membership	Gen-P&A	45.00
11564	PIP Printing – daily report forms	Gen-P&A	38.00
11566	Pat Birk – office supplies	Gen-P&A	75.53
11573	Postmaster – stamps	Gen-P&A	132.00
11574	Catherine Lane – tax preparation	Gen-P&A	100.00
11577	Hawkeye State Bank – safety deposit box rent	Gen-P&A	15.00
	Iowa State Bank – checks	Gen-P&A	52.80
11579	Robert McDonald – police Jan	Gen-P&A	1,854.71
11580	Garry McCune – police Jan	Gen-P&A	1,382.20
11581	Brian Shimon – police Dec	Gen-P&A	1,553.99
11583	Pat Birk – clerk Dec	Gen-P&A	205.92
11584	Catherine Lane – treas Dec	Gen-P&A	205.92
11557	Kennedy Snow Removal – sand	Roaduse	375.00
11558	ARS – striping	Roaduse	3,080.00
11576	Nate Moore – repaid of light	Roaduse	23.10
11578	Kennedy Snow Removal – street plowing	Roaduse	6,875.00

CLERK’S REPORT: An insurance dividend of \$519 was received.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Thirty nine addresses will receive bills for the sidewalk replacement that was done this fall.

POLICE REPORT: Chief McDonald gave the police report for the month. Several portable radios were tested in the field in the past month. A radar unit from MPH Industries is preferred over others that have been considered. The cost is slightly higher than the amount approved last month for radar purchase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING, ZONING & SANITATION: A report on building permits was distributed.

STREET AND SIDEWALKS: A few sidewalks were not shoveled after the last snowfall. At several intersections the portion of the sidewalk that leads to the curb was impassible. Citizens need to be aware that they are responsible for this part of their sidewalk. It is especially difficult for those in wheelchairs when this is not kept clear. The daytime police officer should see that sidewalks are cleared.

JCCOG: University Heights should consider applying for JCCOG money for future street upgrading. Clean Air Act money is another possibility.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved _____
Donald S. Swanson, Mayor

Attest _____
Patricia Birk, Clerk

NOTE: Minutes subject to approval and corrections.