

February 12, 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 February, 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 and Jinx Tracy.

The minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: None.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor's written report was presented and Mayor From commented on several issues within the report; specifically the amount to be reimbursed by FEMA for storm damage and the proposed Neuzil land development. Mayor From also read two proclamations, one which proclaims the support of University Heights for the Sertoma Freedom Week, the week of February 10th and another for a Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Day, on February 14, 2008.

Legal Report: A written report was presented. Attorney Ballard and Council member Dudler reviewed the Electronic Communication policy as provided by David Woods. Attorney Ballard requests that the council review the document and send any comments or concerns to him or Council member Dudler. It is recommended that the council act upon the policy at the next meeting.

Consideration of Ordinance 165, requiring removal of snow from sidewalks and providing for penalties if not followed:

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Giese, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - No
Laverman - Aye

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Giese, to approve Ordinance No. 165, requiring removal of snow from sidewalks and decreasing the municipal fee from \$250 to \$100 per day of the infraction. Discussion followed by Pat Bauer that the ordinance might created obligations differing from those provided by existing state law. Attorney Ballard researched and addressed those issues. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - No
Laverman - Aye

Consideration of Ordinance 166, establishing compensation for the mayor and council members:

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Laverman, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - No
Laverman - Aye

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore to approve Ordinance 166, establishing compensation for the mayor and council members. Carried.

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| Dudler - Aye | McGrath - Aye |
| Giese - Aye | Moore - No |
| Laverman - Aye | |

Clerk’s Report: Clerk Anderson commented on the questions she is still receiving on rental properties within University Heights and the education that is needed on what is allowable and what is not.

Finance Report: Council member Laverman, with the assistance of Treasurer Kimura, lead the discussion on the projected budget for fiscal year ending 2009. Steve Kuhl, accountant for the city, was ill.

Discussion ensued to adjust revenue and expenses in all areas of the budget.

Treasurer’s Report: All bills presented were approved by **unanimous consent.**

**Warrants
January 9, 2008 through February 12, 2008**

| Name | Amount | Name | Amount |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| City of Iowa City | 13.17 | Larry Schluttenhoffer | 230.00 |
| Matthew Fort | 1,003.99 | Terrence Williams | 480.00 |
| Ronald Fort | 1,552.46 | City of Coralville | 270.00 |
| Brad Reinhard | 1,167.72 | Johnson County Refuse | 6,185.50 |
| Donald Strong | 819.80 | Shive Hattery | 5,611.80 |
| Michael Hamm | 42.45 | ABC Solutions | 28.82 |
| McLeod USA | 117.81 | SEATS | 689.86 |
| ISB&T | 29.25 | City of Iowa City | 3,402.23 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 37.73 | Fountain Transmission Specialists | 340.00 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 612.46 | Galls Incorporated | 100.93 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 34.03 | Iowa Department of Public Safety | 681.00 |
| MidAmerican Energy | 101.99 | Iowa Paper & Chemical | 74.13 |
| Christine Anderson | 352.91 | Racom Corporation | 136.80 |
| Lori Kimura | 237.96 | Westport Touchless Autowash | 30.00 |
| Ronald Fort | 1,289.64 | VISA | 19.99 |
| Brad Reinhard | 1,118.17 | Christine Anderson | 59.02 |
| Matthew Fort | 1,003.99 | Douglas Kronlage | 1,240.00 |
| Donald Strong | 886.85 | Copyworks | 100.00 |
| Michael Hamm | 42.47 | VISA | 1,253.51 |
| Kevin Hochhalter | 202.13 | Brad Reinhard | 67.90 |
| Wellmark BC/BS | 973.94 | L-Tron | 753.60 |
| IPERS | 1,891.12 | Iowa City Press-Citizen | 117.14 |
| ISB&T | 3,598.08 | O’Reilly Auto Parts | 22.95 |
| Paul J. Moore | 750.00 | Paul J. Moore | 105.00 |
| City of Iowa City | 13.17 | | |

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| Total Receipts | \$ 19,090.04 | Total Warrants | \$39,893.47 |
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Community Protection: There have been two calls made to Horn Elementary since the last council session that required police intervention.

Streets and Sidewalks: Council member Giese reported he has received complaints of sidewalks not being cleared of snow and ice. He delivered reminders to over 100 residences and/or knocked on their doors. Most residents have cooperated and shoveled their sidewalks; however, four residences were shoveled by the city. Engineer Bilskemper inquired about the Melrose wide-sidewalk project; he reminded the council that the money would be available sometime in November, 2008.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Moore addressed the “Keep Iowa Beautiful” program. Keep Iowa Beautiful was founded in 2000 and is affiliated with the nationally acclaimed Keep America Beautiful program. It assists communities and organizations in cleanup and beautification projects and encourages regional groups and communities to become Keep Iowa Beautiful affiliates/partners. Iowa State University recently signed on as an affiliate. Council member Moore would like to invite the director to speak at a council meeting; it was agreed that should happen at the March meeting.

Discussion of the Grandview Court vacant buildings was tabled until the March agenda. It is hoped that someone from Regency will be present to answer questions and address the City’s concerns.

E-Government: Council member Dudler has received a template from the former webmaster and will update the front page of the city website.

JCCOG: Mayor From attended the JCCOG meeting on January 30, 2008. Mayor From was appointed vice chair of the committee; Council member Laverman will be the alternate if Mayor From is unable to attend the meetings.

Announcements: Council member Laverman reported a citizen’s concern with a rental property on Leamer Court. Discussion was held on that property and one on Koser Avenue. City clerk Anderson will review the permit for the Leamer Court property. Attorney Ballard reported on the rental status of the Koser Avenue property and stated he had e-mailed the owners to verify they were in compliance with the ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:20 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor