

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, IOWA

1004 Melrose Ave.

March 8, 2005

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 OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson. Council members From, Giese, Laverman, Schoenmaker joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **Absent:** Wood. **Staff:** Attorney Ballard, Engineer Bilskemper, Clerk Musser, Treasurer Kimura, Police Chief Fort. **Others present:** Pat Bauer, Carol Ann Christiansen, Linda Fincham, Aaron Olson, Donna Ashmore, Carl F. Orgren, Mary Richard, Dell Richard.

MOTION by Giese, seconded by From, to approve the minutes of the February 15 regular meeting and February 23 special meeting of the Council. Carried

Aaron Olson appeared demanding to be heard, seeking answers to questions regarding proposed development of the "Neuzil Tract". He was assured and reassured that the Council is being kept informed about developments, and because the tract is located in Iowa City, has very little input to the process.

Carol Ann Christiansen brought the Council her plan to form a garden group with the purpose of maintaining the flower bed at the Melrose/Golfview intersection. She hopes to solicit funds and help from City residents to plant and maintain this area. She was given permission to do so with the encouragement of the Council.

Donna Ashmore came before the Council to present a check for \$250 from MidAmerican Energy, given as a community protection grant from the company.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve the second consideration of Ordinance No. 146, amending Ordinance No. 70 regarding multifamily planned unit development. The vote, upon roll call, was as follows:

From	Aye	Giese	Nay	
Laverman	Aye	Schoenmaker	Aye	
Wood	Absent			<u>Carried</u>

Attorney Ballard explained the need to make building code changes which would keep the University Heights code in line with Iowa City and Coralville and confirm with the International Building Code. **MOTION** by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve the first consideration of Ordinance No. 147 providing for the adoption of building, residential, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, and electrical codes for the City of University Heights, Iowa. The roll call vote was as follows:

From	Aye	Giese	Aye	
Laverman	Aye	Schoenmaker	Aye	
Wood	Absent			<u>Carried</u>

Ordinance No. 148 regarding parking fines was presented by Attorney Ballard. **MOTION** by Giese, seconded by From 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

MOTION by Giese, seconded by From, to approve Ordinance No. 148, increasing fines for prohibited parking (amending Ordinance No. 120) in the City of University Heights, Iowa. The roll call vote was as follows:

From	Aye	Giese	Aye	
Laverman	Aye	Schoenmaker	Aye	
Wood	Absent			<u>Carried</u>

Attorney Ballard presented a resolution proposing increases in the rental housing permit fees. After discussion, action on the resolution was delayed until further information is gathered regarding the cost of the rental housing permitting program.

Engineer Bilskemper explained that the City of Iowa will be excavating near the existing stop lights for the purpose of installing new, larger control boxes. The excavation permit fee can be waived by resolution. **MOTION** by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve Resolution 05-04, accepting the written guarantee of the utility company acknowledging the requirements and responsibilities of Ordinance #88. Carried

Mayor Jacobson presented a draft of a survey to be made of City residents regarding their wishes about library service, announcing that "fee card" service will not be available from the Iowa City Library after July, 2006 and seeking opinions about a referendum for a library levy. The survey will be distributed sometime near March 19 to be returned by April 5 so that the information gathered is available for the April 12 Council meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jacobson had attended two Conference Board meetings. She reported on a newspaper story about an Iowa traveler who listed University Heights among his favorite cities in Eastern Iowa and announced information from Mediacom Cable TV telling of a rate increase.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Musser had received notice of two voluntary annexations to Coralville, neither of which affect the City. There had been one building permit for the addition at Horn School.

Legal Report: No report.

Engineer's Report: Bilskemper presented three cost estimated for street sweeping, two involving rented equipment and City labor and the other on a contractual basis with the City of North Liberty. **MOTION** by Laverman, seconded by Schoenmaker, to contract with the City of North Liberty for street sweeping at the rate of \$1000 per day of sweeping. Carried

The Engineer is to further investigate the cost of disposal of the swept debris. He will be contacting JCCOG this summer regarding the availability of transportation dollars for street work. Russ Boyer is working with the Pelling Company to fill potholes.

Police Report: Written report submitted. Chief Fort again discussed problems with the health insurance carried for the officers. Laverman will be getting information from another carrier shortly

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Pat Bauer reported in the absence of Wood. Bauer has had discussion with Heather McDonald at the University of Iowa regarding using a graduate student seminar to work on a comprehensive plan for the City. The Council agreed with this plan and approves of the Zoning Commission going forward with the project.

Streets and sidewalks: From and Engineer Bilskemper have further discussed the storm water "MS4" project and will be bringing more information to the Council.

JCCOG: Schoenmaker had attended a brief Emergency Management meeting.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Schoenmaker, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk

Approved: Gloria Jacobson, Mayor