

May 13, 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 May, 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, Tom Carsner, Robin Enfield, Steve Kuhl and Jim Trepka.

The minutes of the April 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.

Cool Cities Initiative – Tom Carsner, co-chair of the Iowa City area Sierra Club, passed out several documents to the council. The Cool Cities Initiative began in 2005 in Seattle, WA as a means to locally reduce global warming and carbon emissions as a response to the Bush Administration not signing the Kyoto Protocol. Over 600 communities have signed up for the initiative and locally Iowa City, Coralville and North Liberty are participating. By the fall, the group hopes to have a citizen’s task force in place to set goals and monitor the progress towards meeting those goals. The main goals are to reduce carbon emissions and increase energy efficiencies in building and automobiles; 7% reduction by 2012.

The council will review the information and act on the initiative during the June meeting.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by McGrath, to adopted Resolution 08-03, the assessment of snow removal from sidewalks as an additional property tax. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - Aye
Laverman – Aye

MOTION by Giese, seconded by Moore, to adopt Resolution 08-04, authorizing the mayor to sign and the clerk to attest a 28E agreement with Johnson County concerning SEATS services for FY2009. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - Aye
Laverman – Aye

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by McGrath, to approve the third reading of Ordinance 169, regulating post-construction storm water run-off and providing penalties. Carried.

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
Giese - Aye Moore - Aye
Laverman – Aye

Clerk’s Report: MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, to approve renewal of the liquor license for the University Athletic Club. All voted Aye. Carried

Finance Report:

Budget Amendment Discussion: Steve Kuhl, accountant for University Heights, passed out amended budget sheets to the council. Kuhl gave a summary of the changes and explained that he adjusted the numbers using actual expenses-to-date.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore to approve Resolution 08-05, adopting the budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. All voted Aye. **Carried.**

Dudler - Aye McGrath - Aye
 Giese - Aye Moore - Aye
 Laverman – Aye

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

**Warrants
 April 8, 2008 through May 13, 2008**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	13.17	City of Iowa City	13.17
Ronald Fort	1,154.27	ABC Solutions	14.41
Brad Reinhard	1,096.21	SEATS	689.86
Matthew Fort	1,102.12	Paul J. Moore	35.00
Donald Strong	857.76	City of Iowa City	3,771.49
Michael Hamm	42.47	City of Coralville	270.00
Andrew Dudler	184.70	Communications Engineering Company	330.19
McLeod USA	112.99	Guardian ID Services, Inc.	104.41
City of Iowa City	500.00	Iowa City Press- Citizen	328.19
MidAmerican Energy	31.90	Iowa Department of Public Safety	681.00
MidAmerican Energy	611.20	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	3,825.00
MidAmerican Energy	80.73	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	3,340.50
MidAmerican Energy	29.78	Johnson County Sheriff	60.00
Christine Anderson	244.81	Municipal Street Improvements Inc.	2,303.60
Lori Kimura	241.17	NAPA Auto Parts	38.94
Ronald Fort	1,217.34	Pyramid Services Inc	496.20
Donald Strong	813.55	Racom Corporation	136.80
Michael Hamm	145.84	Radio Shack	28.59
Michael Hamm	42.45	Staples	58.27
Brad Reinhard	1,034.19	Tough Solutions, Inc.	6,000.00
Kevin Hochhalter	441.50	Westport Touchless Autowash	72.00
Wellmark BC/BS	973.94	Welt-Ambrisco Insurance	14,080.00
Matthew Fort	1,050.20	Ultramax	608.00
IPERS	1,794.96	VISA	571.47
Iowa State Bank & Trust	3,414.04	Tough Solutions, Inc.	1,086.00
Paul J. Moore	750.00	All American Concrete, Inc.	13,566.57

Total Receipts \$174,294.18 Total Warrants \$ 70,490.95

Community Protection: Police Chief Fort commented that the officer at the Academy is performing very well and will complete training in July. He also has researched information on hybrid cars and has given Council member McGrath a one-page document with his findings.

Streets and Sidewalks: Council member Giese commented that the streets have been swept and work has started on filling the potholes in the city, including the ones at the corner of Koser and George. He will continue to contact homeowners about trimming the tree branches on their property.

Engineer Bilskemper passed out a standard pay application from All-American Concrete for the 2007 Street Improvements project. There were a number of items that the contractor did not complete last fall; those were completed this spring. It was discussed that the potholes at the corner of Koser and George will be repaired by Hansen Asphalt for \$400. Engineer Bilskemper also reviewed his plan for the summer street panel replacement project.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Moore handed out the draft of the comprehensive plan for the “Keep University Heights Beautiful” project. There are four primary goals of the plan; promote awareness to stop littering, limit litter during football games, create teams to adopt streets/areas to keep litter free, and create an annual community-wide cleanup event. Council member Moore commented this could also be tied in with the Sierra Club’s goals as well. Council member McGrath suggested that the council consider a “working meeting” prior to the next council meeting to divide up the work.

Pat Bauer updated the council on the project the intern has worked on; currently 80 hours have been completed on the project and a report has been turned in for review. Bauer will review the report and then forward to Attorney Ballard for additional review and hopefully present to the Zoning Commission.

E-Government: Council member Dudler stated that the minutes for 2008 have been posted to the website.

JCCOG: No report.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 8:33 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise From, Mayor