

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, IOWA

1004 Melrose Ave.

August 17, 2004

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Jacobson, Council members From, Giese, Laverman, Schoenmaker, and Wood.
Staff: Attorney Ballard, Clerk Musser, Police Chief Fort, Engineer Bilskemper. Others present: Paul D. Young, Donald Strong, Ryan Rockafellow, Robin Hayward, Karl Koch, Christian Prochaska, Kurt Giese, Russ Boyer, Paul J. Moore, Wally Heitman, Afam Ottenheimer.

MOTION: By Wood, seconded by Giese to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2004 public hearing and regular meeting of the Council as distributed. Carried

PUBLIC INPUT: Christian Prochaska, appeared to inform the Council that additional security will not be needed at the Taste on Melrose on football game days this year. Robin Hayward, Karl Koch, Paul D. Young and Wally Heitman appeared in protest of snow removal liens placed on their property, for which bills had recently been received. They objected to lack of notice, the fact that they believe they had removed snow on the date in question and to the fact the billing was received 17 months after the fact. Mayor Jacobson and Council Member From explained the ordinance and the difficulty getting snow removed in some situations. Attorney Ballard supported the legality of the action. **MOTION** by Giese, seconded by Wood, to void the snow removal assessments made on 205 Highland Dr. and 270 Highland Dr. Carried

Chief Fort introduced Ryan Rockafellow as a police officer candidate and outlined his qualifications.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to hire Ryan Rockafellow as a police officer effective August 18, 2004 at an annual salary of \$27,400. Carried

Chief Fort then introduced Donald K. Strong, a reserve officer candidate, and spoke to his qualifications.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to appoint Donald K. Strong as a reserve officer, effective immediately. Carried

There was a brief break in the meeting as both Rockafellow and Strong were sworn in by Mayor Jacobson.

Russ Boyer spoke to the Council about the ongoing deer problem in his neighborhood and his willingness to help eliminate some of the problem. DNR Biologist Tim Thompson will be invited to the next meeting to again speak about this problem.

Eagle Scout candidate Kurt Giese told the Council about progress on renovation of the Triangle Park shelter. The project is now 90% complete, awaiting paint touch-up and window materials. It will be completed before the first football game. Materials were donated by BCI Lumber, John Roffman and Mike Noel, supplemented by a cash contribution. Over 100 hours of volunteer labor were involved in the project. A bike rack will need to be purchased for the Park. Councilman Giese was charged with purchasing a rack. It will be installed as part of the renovation project.

MOTION by From, seconded by Schoenmaker, to approve renewal of the cigarette permit for Taste on Melrose. The motion was approved with Giese voting Nay. Carried

Additions and corrections of the rough draft of the 2004 newsletter were presented by the Mayor and Council.

The latest version of a commercial vehicle ordinance was presented by Attorney Ballard. The Mayor asked Attorney Ballard and Chief Fort for their input as to the advisability and need for this ordinance. The Council members expressed their views also. **MOTION** by Giese, seconded by Schoenmaker, to adopt Revised Ordinance No. 135 Regulating Commercial Vehicles upon the streets of University Heights. The vote on this motion was 2 votes, AYE and 3 votes NAY. Motion defeated

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

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

MOTION by Wood, seconded by Laverman, to adopt Ordinance No. 136, RESTRICTING THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF PORTABLE TOILETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. Carried

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by From, to approve RESOLUTION 4-11 Accepting and Approving Erosion Control Plan for Birkdale Condominiums.

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

MOTION by From, seconded by Giese, to approve RESOLUTION 4-12 Accepting and Approving Sidewalks for Units 3 and 4, Building C, Birkdale Condominiums, and Releasing Lien.

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

Mayor's report: New, annual permits for Marietta parking will become effective September 1, 2004. The Mayor discussed a report from the "Stepping-Up" project. A change in billing policy has been made for the VISA card. New cards will be issued for Chief Fort, Treasurer Kimura and Clerk Musser. The editorial regarding the police was mentioned, noting that only positive comments have come from the public.

Clerk's report: There have been 4 building permits for small projects since the last report. The 2004 permits have totaled \$6912.05 in permit fees with an admitted construction value of \$747,950.

Legal report: Attorney Ballard's meeting with the Coralville rental housing inspector was rescheduled. He presented some of his thoughts regarding a comprehensive plan and updating the zoning ordinance. This will be discussed more in September. Ballard has had contact with a group looking at purchasing Grandview Court with renovation in mind.

Engineer's report: Engineer Bilskemper filed a written report. Street repair is to begin in a couple of days. He is meeting with the "striping" contractor to inspect the work done and agree to corrections.

Police report: Written report on file.

Committee reports: Finance: Finances are in order at this early date in fiscal year.

e-government: Wood asked for opinions about placing the City website address on the police vehicles. Chief Fort will look in to costs.

Building, zoning & sanitation: A question had been asked about an ordinance dealing with hedges which set on a property line. No action taken.

Community protection: MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to increase the hourly pay of Officer Mike Hamm by \$1.00 per hour, effective immediately. Carried

The Committee and Police Chief asked to purchase a digital camera, mid-season weight uniform jackets and a hand-held radar unit. Funds are available in the current budget and approval was by consensus.

MOTION by Wood, seconded by Laverman, to employ Kurt Giese to mow the park areas at the rate of \$15 per mowing; to employ Reserve Officer Jason Thomas to perform cleaning duties at City Hall at the rate of \$12 per hour; and to employ Russ Boyer for various maintenance duties at the rate of \$30 per hour. Discussion noted that quotes of \$20 and \$25 per mowing had been received from others. Giese abstained from the vote. Carried
Laverman told of his ride with an officer on a night shift and recommended it as an eye-opening learning experience.

Streets and sidewalks: Russ Boyer has begun removing accumulations of excess sand as directed by the Engineer. The Melrose sidewalks will be repaired by the first football game. Giese reported that he had taken the sign post driver to Charlie's Welding for repair.

JCCOG: No report.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk

Approved: Gloria Jacobson, Mayor

