

November 10, 2009

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 November 2009 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, Steve Kuhl, Catherine Lane, Jim Lane, Dell Richard, Mary Matthew Wilson, Larry Wilson, John Yapp, Pat Yeggy and Paul De Young.

The minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by unanimous consent.

Public Input: None.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. Pat Yeggy commented that the Garden Club collected approximately \$400 at the candidate’s forum to be used next year; and at this time the club does not need to request additional funds from the city. Council member Giese suggested funds in the city budget under “park fund” could maybe used by the Garden Club in the future if necessary.

Mayor From reviewed with the council on the plan and timeline for updating the city’s 2006 Comprehensive Plan. From stated that the city planning group of Pat Bauer, Steve Ballard, a council member, and the mayor will meet within the next six weeks with JCCOG planners, John Yapp and Kent Ralston to begin outlining the process. The first comprehensive plan meeting will probably be scheduled sometime in January 2010.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Moore, to adopt Resolution 09-17, modifying the termination date of 28E Agreements with the City of Coralville for Building Inspection Services and Housing Inspection Services. Carried.

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

MOTION by Moore, seconded by McGrath, to adopt Resolution 09-18, modifying the effective date Terry Goerd and Norm Cate were appointed Building and Housing Inspectors for the City of University Heights. Carried.

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

Resolution No. 09-19, establishing policy that owners of property adjacent to wide sidewalk are only obligated to maintain and repair 4 feet of sidewalk has been tabled to the December council meeting.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, for second consideration of Ordinance No. 173 amending the Zoning Ordinance (No. 79) regarding parking and composition of parking surfaces in rear yards. Carried.

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

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by McGrath, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon 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 - Aye
Laverman – Aye	

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, for final consideration of Ordinance No. 174 requiring operators of motor vehicles to carry proof of liability insurance and providing penalties. **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon 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 - Aye
Laverman – Aye	

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, for final consideration of Ordinance No. 175 adopting by reference certain provisions of Iowa Code chapter 321 (motor vehicles and rules of the road). **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted upon 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 - Aye
Laverman – Aye	

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, for final consideration of Ordinance No. 176 amending the Sales Ordinance (No. 81) to make the offense a simple misdemeanor punishable by a \$250.00 fine. **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Moore, for first consideration of Ordinance No. 177 amending the Traffic Ordinance (No. 120) regarding to increase the fine for illegal parking on game days to \$50.00. **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by McGrath, for first consideration of Ordinance No. 178 amending the Disorderly House Ordinance (No. 109) regarding to further define the offense and provide penalties. **Carried.**

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

MOTION by McGrath seconded by Moore, to grant an exception to the Portable Toilet Ordinance for the lot on the corner of Koser Avenue and Sunset Street owned by Paul De Young. **Carried.**

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

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. Clerk Anderson updated the council on the meeting she had with Norm Cate, the newly hired rental inspector for University Heights. Anderson will work with Cate to add additional rental information to the website, automate the rental renewal process and create new forms as needed.

MOTION by Moore, seconded by McGrath to approve the liquor license for Taste on Melrose restaurant. **Carried.**

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

Finance Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Moore, seconded by Giese, to adopt Resolution 09-20, approving the annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

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

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

**Warrants
 October 14, 2009 through November 10, 2009**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Matthew Fort	1,326.23	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	1,250.00
Ronald Fort	1,323.32	Paul Moore	35.00
Benjamin Lord	858.88	SEATS	689.86
Brad Reinhard	1,976.30	City of Iowa City	3,674.38
Donald Strong	1,017.92	ABC Solutions	120.88
McLeod USA/PAETEC	125.34	Breese Plumbing & Heating	212.10
MidAmerican Energy	35.97	Electronic Engineering/EMS	1,630.00
MidAmerican Energy	26.97	Iowa City Police Department	29.46
MidAmerican Energy	84.35	Iowa City Tire and Service	113.20
MidAmerican Energy	612.01	Iowa Department of Public Service	753.00
Christine Anderson	305.16	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	1,738.50
Matthew Fort	1,291.14	Nate Moore Wiring Service	131.55
Ronald Fort	1,504.00	Iowa City Press-Citizen	97.97
Benjamin Lord	846.31	Pyramid Services Inc.	43.42
Brad Reinhard	1,409.80	Racom Corporation	79.60
Donald Strong	1,017.91	Staples	379.98
Wellmark BC/BS	1,245.50	Verizon Wireless	90.02
Lori Kimura	238.79	Westport Touchless Autowash	72.00
MidwestOne Bank	4,458.20	Shive Hattery	17,730.05
IPERS	77.72	Mary Sue & Laura Bowers	550.00
IPERS	2,721.65	Greenwood and Crim, P.C.	1,000.00
Paul Moore	867.00		

Total Receipts

\$ 171,388.81

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\$ 53,791.44

Community Protection: Council member McGrath requested input from the council members and public on their opinions and perceptions of the police activities in University Heights. Pat Bauer commented that perhaps the city needs to get more information posted about their activities and suggested once the Police Chief Fort retires, there should be a review of the department. Council member Laverman suggested the creation of a police blotter and that the city needs to do a better job in getting year-end information posted for the public. Council member Moore suggested the creation of a “citizen police advisory committee” and that it may be beneficial to have open forums for discussion. Larry Wilson commented it may be helpful to have “clarity of funding” regarding the department and show how it is linked to the budget; grant money received and how it offsets expenses.

Streets and Sidewalks: Mayor From stated that the city had contacted JCCOG for their opinion on how the city should re-stripe the parking and bike lanes on the road once the Melrose Wide-Sidewalk project is completed. John Yapp, Director of JCCOG, stated that they do not have a strong recommendation for one design over another; from a traffic safety and flow perspective, neither have a strong benefit. Bike lanes do draw people to bike on the streets as opposed to the sidewalks. Benefits of on-street parking are traffic-calming for speeding. Yapp said, this parking may or may not be necessary for residents and needs to be evaluated for importance.

Engineer Bilskemper requested input from the council by the December council meeting on how it would like to proceed. Council member Giese did speak with Melrose Avenue residents who would like to keep on-street parking; council member Moore volunteered to create a flyer for the citizens who would be affected by this for their input. Yapp suggested because of the parking, that the city consider first painting “sharrows” (bike symbols to alert drivers to share the road with bikes) and see how effective they would be before changing the parking.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: Council member Moore reminded that leaf bag pick-up day is Saturday, November 14th.

E-Government: Mayor From thanked council member Dudler for posting important news to the website for the past month.

JCCOG: From’s JCCOG report is included in her Mayor’s report.

Pat Yeggy attended the Oct. 29th Community Climate Action Taskforce meeting. Yeggy summarized the City’s energy consumption since 2000. An interesting fact concerned the City’s two traffic signals. After the switch to LED lights were made in 2005, energy usage dropped to less than one-fourth of the consumptions of 2000, and the yearly cost in 2008 was 30% of the yearly cost for 2000.

Announcements: The Melrose Wide-Sidewalk Public Information Open House will be held at St. Andrew Church from 7:00-8:30 on November 12, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:08 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor