

December 8, 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 December 2009 meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members Andrew Dudler, David Giese, Brennan McGrath and Amy Moore. Staff present: Engineer Bilskemper, Attorney Ballard, Treasurer Kimura, Police Chief Fort and Clerk Anderson. Also present were Pat Bauer, Michael Haverkamp, Catherine Lane, Jim Lane, Mary Mathew Wilson, Larry Wilson, Brian Willham, Pat Yeggy and Paul De Young.

Absent: Council member Laverman.

The minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Council were presented and approved by **unanimous consent.**

Public Input: None.

Discussion of ordinances specific to football season including portable toilets: In a written statement, Council member Laverman stated he felt that if a homeowner is parking cars during the season, facilities need to be provided. Laverman is also in favor of hiding the toilets from view. Paul De Young stated he does not want to eliminate the option of having portable toilets and in fact will be adding additional units for next season. He feels there is clearly a need to have more throughout the city.

Council member Moore stated that Paula Jantz, Associate Athletic Director at the University of Iowa, would be able to attend the January meeting regarding this and other football issues and she would like to hear concerns and answer questions. Moore feels that if a homeowner parks a certain number of cars then the homeowner must have portable toilets.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented. Mayor From addressed the council assignments for 2010/2011:

- Pat Yeggy- Chair of Streets & Sidewalks & Mayor Pro Tem
- Mike Haverkamp- Chair of E-Gov.Webmaster, Community Protection
- Stan Laverman-Chair of Building, Zoning & Sanitation
- Brennan McGrath- Chair of Finance
- Amy Moore- Chair of Community Protection
- Louise From- City representative to JCCOG & Emergency Management

A special orientation meeting for the incoming council members will be held Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

JCCOG Urbanized Area Policy Board approved at their Dec. 2nd meeting \$210,000 for University Heights the west side of the Sunset Street wide sidewalk project. In addition, University Heights is part of a group of cities that will receive money to install trail signage. A UH logo can be put on these trail signs. Council member Moore will have some options for consideration at a future meeting.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Giese, seconded by Moore, to adopt Resolution 09-19 establishing the policy that owners of property adjacent to the Melrose Ave. wide sidewalk are only obligated to maintain and repair 4 feet of the sidewalk, **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Moore, seconded by Giese, for final 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 – Absent

MOTION by McGrath, seconded by Moore, for second consideration of Ordinance No. 177 amending the Traffic Ordinance (No. 120) regarding to increase the fine for illegal parking on game days to \$45.00. **Carried.**

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

MOTION by Giese, seconded by McGrath, for second 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 – Absent

Attorney Ballard informed the council that developer Jeff Maxwell intends to re-submit his proposal for the development on the current St. Andrew site.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented. The council received an updated list of rental properties in University Heights. The clerk will work with the new rental inspector in January on the new workflow process for rental permits and inspections.

Finance Report: A written report was presented. Treasurer Kimura commented that the fee for leaf removal was higher than anticipated; Mayor From commented some of it was probably due to a record volume of leaves this year with the nice November weather.

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

**Warrants
 November 11, 2009 through December 8, 2009**

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
City of Iowa City	13.91	Paul Moore	35.00
Matthew Fort	1,536.75	SEATS	689.86
Ronald Fort	1,771.20	ABC Solutions	24.95
Benjamin Lord	1,013.23	Iowa City Press-Citizen	383.96
Brad Reinhard	1,386.50	Iowa Paper & Chemical	32.82
Donald Strong	1,209.90	True North Companies LC	133.00
McLeod USA/PAETEC	126.01	City of Coralville	180.00
MidAmerican Energy	34.21	Iowa City Tire and Service	199.55
MidAmerican Energy	26.25	Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	12,338.98
MidAmerican Energy	612.31	Welt-Ambrisco Insurance	512.00
MidAmerican Energy	71.04	Johnson County Council of Governments	918.00
Dennis Culver	149.60	L.L. Pelling Co., Inc.	4,233.00
Matthew Fort	1,361.33	JP Mechanical	205.74
Ronald Fort	1,119.45	Benjamin Lord	46.00
Lori Kimura	192.00	Brad Reinhard	31.50
Benjamin Lord	973.20	Chezik Bell Ford	24,451.68
Brad Reinhard	1,510.76	CMI. Inc.	598.00

sharrows for bike lanes. Council member Giese commented that at the public input meeting citizens wanted to keep the on-street parking; McGrath agreed that residents need on-street parking. After discussion, the council agreed to have both and will evaluate if there need to be changes.

Willham stated that there is a sprinkler system by Birkdale Court that is located in the right-of-way. The city will not reinstall the system when the sidewalk is installed; the question is if the city will allow the residents to reinstall in the right away. This item will be decided at the January council meeting.

Willham said there are several small pieces of land they need for temporary easements and permanent right-of-way; Bilskemper will compile budget figures. The council would like Shive-Hattery to negotiate with the property owners and then bring to the council for approval. Bilskemper stated that the DOT has a guide for temporary easements and they recommend that there is an equal payment to all property owners on Melrose affected by the project.

MOTION by Giese, seconded by McGrath to approve the Professional Services Agreement amendment for \$17,796.93 covering easements for the Melrose wide-sidewalk project and that it agrees with the project budget.

Carried.

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

Bilskemper updated the council regarding the Siberian elm near the retaining wall and sidewalk by 10 Koser Avenue. Mark Vitosh, of the DNR, provided a report with the opinion that there is significant damage to the support roots and that the stability of the tree has been compromised with removal as the best way to mitigate the potential hazard. The initial estimate for removal of the tree was \$2,000; Bilskemper will get 3 more bids to remove the tree.

Building, Zoning & Sanitation: The discussion on Horn School was tabled until the January council meeting.

E-Government: None.

JCCOG: Written report was presented under Mayor’s Report.

Announcements: Mary Mathew Wilson spoke about a website for University Heights that she has started. She is working on getting the word out to UH residents. Her web address is: www.uhplace.org.

Mayor From thanked Andy Dudler and David Giese for their service on city council and presented both with plaques.

The meeting was adjourned by **unanimous consent at 9:10 p.m.**

Attest: Christine M. Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor