

April 13, 2021

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held by electronic means pursuant to Iowa code section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the April 13, 2021 council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Louise From. Council Members: Nick Herbold, Liesa Moore, Sara O’Sullivan, Bobby Scott, Doug Swailes.

Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, Temporary City Clerk Mike Haverkamp, City Videographer Steve Anderson, Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Police Chief Troy Kelsay, Police Officer Chris Akers, Rental Inspector Brian Jensen and Treasurer Lori Kimura.

Also present were: Jim Glasgow, Lisa Haverkamp, Betty Heslop, Julie Jensen, Silvia Quezada, Robert Pudil, Warren Tunwall, David Stratton, Chris Whitmore, Pat Yeggy, and Leslie Zickafoose.

Absent: None.

The minutes of the March 23, 2021 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING to determine whether a dog owned and kept at 26 Prospect Place in University Heights is a fierce, dangerous, or vicious animal under Ordinance 55.

Mayor From opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor From asked Chief Kelsay if notice had properly been posted and delivered for this hearing. Chief Kelsay affirmed that notice had been posted at the Community Center, and Mr. Stratton, the dog owner, had been contacted, as required by Ordinance No. 55.

Chief Kelsay then summarized the incident report included in the council meeting packet. He also shared 5 photos of the bites received by the victim.

Chris Whitmore, Animal Control Coordinator, from the Iowa City Animal Shelter, then spoke regarding the time the dog spent at the shelter while under observation for rabies. In her professional opinion, Ms. Whitmore stated that this dog is not safe to be around people.

David. Stratton, 26 Prospect, the dog owner, spoke, stating that this was an accident, the fault was his, not the dog’s.

Betty Heslop, 26 Prospect, spoke about the dog as well.

Mr. Stratton questioned Ms. Whitmore saying that when he called while the dog was at the shelter, he was told the dog was fine. Ms. Whitmore stated that the dog was fine in the sense that it was eating and toileting outside, but he is aggressive during the entirety of his stay at the shelter.

Robert Pudil, 26 Prospect, spoke and reported that any visitors to the house need to contact residents prior to their arrival, so that the dogs are placed in kennels prior to opening their door. He stated he would be willing to sign anything the City drew up.

Lisa Haverkamp, 315 Golfview, spoke saying that there are many walkers with dogs, and children in the neighborhood, and urged the council to keep the community safe.

Rhonda Pudil, 26 Prospect, spoke saying she hoped that the dog would get probation and that City officials would check up on the dog.

Leslie Zickafoose, 36 Prospect, who was bitten, spoke and said while being an animal lover, she is concerned that it could easily happen again. There were two children playing outside when the incident occurred. She also reported that there was an additional puncture wound that was not pictured.

Mayor From asked Mr. Stratton if there were any other people he wanted the Council to hear from or any documents he wanted the Council to consider. Mr. Stratton indicated that he had presented everything he wanted to present.

Mayor From closed the public hearing at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor From reopened the April council meeting at 8:23 p.m.

MOTION by HERBOLD and seconded by SCOTT, to consider **Resolution No. 21-19**, determining that, pursuant to Ordinance No. 55, a dog owned and kept by David Stratton at 26 Prospect Place in University Heights is a fierce, dangerous, and/or vicious animal; that Mr. Stratton had failed to reasonably restrain the dog on his property; that it is in the public interest to destroy the dog in a humane manner; and authorizing and directing the University Heights Police Department to take custody and control of the dog and make arrangements for the dog’s destruction in a humane manner. Before the roll call vote, each Council member made comments concerning the information presented at the public hearing, and each Council member provided reasons for supporting the resolution. **Carried.**

Herbold	Aye	Scott	Aye
Moore	Aye	Swales	Aye
O’Sullivan	Aye		

Public Comments: The following citizens addressed the council with their concerns:

Warren Tunwall, 100 Koser, spoke to council regarding speeding on Koser Avenue.

Mayor’s Report: A verbal report was presented.

MOTION by MOORE and seconded by HERBOLD, to consider **Resolution No. 21-16**, authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Clerk to attest the FY2022 28E Agreement between the City of University Heights and Johnson County for the provision of SEATS Paratransit Services. **Carried.**

Herbold	Aye	Scott	Aye
Moore	Aye	Swales	Aye
O’Sullivan	Aye		

MOTION by MOORE and seconded by SCOTT, to consider **Resolution No. 21-17**, authorizing the Mayor to sign and the City Clerk to attest the FY2022 28E Agreement between the City of University Heights and the City of Iowa City for the Provision of Transit Services in University Heights at an annual rate of \$40,682.00. **Carried.**

Herbold	Aye	Scott	Aye
Moore	Aye	Swales	Aye
O’Sullivan	Aye		

Hotel update: Jim Glasgow shared photos and gave an update on construction for the Marriott Hotel.

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

Clerk’s Report: A written report was presented.

Treasurer’s Report: A written report was presented. All bills were approved for payment by **unanimous consent**.

**Warrants
March 10-April 13**

NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT
RevoPay	monthly active merchant e-fee	-10.00
Akers, Christopher M	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,781.20
Brinkema, Brian E	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,611.66
Cox, Nicholas J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-333.53
Macke, Matthew C	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,517.98
Kelsay, Troy A	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-2,410.48
Tucker, Darryl J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,857.40
Plate, Harold, M	bi-weekly crossing guard paycheck	-209.45
Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-4,103.34
MidAmerican Energy	1301 Melrose stop light	-54.80

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MidAmerican Energy	1011 Melrose stop light	-24.11
MidAmerican Energy	OUP Community Center/Offices gas/electricity	-449.97
MidAmerican Energy	street lights	-471.73
Anderson, Christine M.	clerk monthly paycheck	-500.78
Goerd, Terence J	building inspector monthly paycheck	-1,629.44
Haverkamp, Michael J	temporary clerk monthly paycheck	-215.83
Jensen, Brian A	rental/housing inspector monthly paycheck	-885.62
Kimura, Lori D.	treasurer monthly paycheck	-536.42
From, Louise A.	quarterly mayoral paycheck	-454.13
Moore, Liesa K	quarterly council paycheck	-184.70
O'Sullivan, Sara A	quarterly council paycheck	-184.70
Swailles, Douglas J	quarterly council paycheck	-184.70
Herbold, Nicholas J	quarterly council paycheck	-123.13
Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-1,607.77
Iowa Public Employees Retirement	IPERS contributions	-865.43
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IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	quarterly unemployment tax	-1,024.68
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	quarterly state payroll taxes	-4,406.17
Wellmark BC/BS	April insurance payment	-4,857.36
Paul J. Moore, Melrose Avenue Building	garage rent	-50.00
Mediacom	online service 3/21/21-4/20/21	-399.95
Akers, Christopher M	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,678.83
Brinkema, Brian E	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,905.76
Dahm, Ryan J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-257.68
Macke, Matthew C	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,589.49
Tucker, Darryl J	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-1,857.40
Kelsay, Troy A	bi-weekly officer paycheck	-2,410.48
Plate, Harold, M	bi-weekly crossing guard paycheck	-129.09
Internal Revenue Service	federal payroll taxes	-4,034.86
Stephen M Anderson	recording and editing March regular meeting	-125.00
One University Place South Condo Assoc	monthly association dues	-433.58
AT&T Mobility	wireless service for police cars 2/20/2021-3/19	-288.89
Harapat Auto Service Inc	oil change	-48.71
City of Iowa City	bus, animal & library services, fuel, billing serv	-14,609.21
Johnson County Refuse, Inc.	March garbage & recycling services	-6,808.00
Kronlage & Olson PC	balance due for annual examination	-1,035.00
Steven J Kuhl	accounting services 1/1/2021-3/24/2021	-1,915.00
US Cellular	wireless data/internet service for car computer	-80.86
VISA	stamps for treasurer	-55.00
VISA	grasshopper/gsuite	-226.54
Leff Law Firm, L.L.P.	March legal services	-22,445.00
City of Iowa City	deposit for installation & use of hydrant meter f	-600.00
Iowa City Press-Citizen	March legal publications	-304.40
Tempus Nova	gmail 12 month user fee	-675.00
Century Link	April telephone service	-106.23

Total Tree Care	focused pruning of 5 trees in Swisher Tract	-1,025.00
Shive Hattery	engineering services 2/6/2021-2/26/2021	-7,686.80
General Fund - \$110,463.74	Employee Benefits Fund -\$25,575.14	Road Use Tax - \$588.85
Total Receipts - \$66,482.94	Total Warrants - \$136,627.73	

Community Protection: Police Chief Kelsay presented a written report. Councilor O’Sullivan presented a written report.

Streets and Sidewalks: Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. Councilor Swailes presented a verbal report.

MOTION by SCOTT, and seconded by HERBOLD, to consider **Resolution No. 21-21**, accepting quotation for the 2021 Street Sweeping Project. **Carried.**

Herbold	Aye	Scott	Aye
Moore	Aye	Swailes	Aye
O’Sullivan	Aye		

Building, Zoning and Sanitation: Councilor Herbold presented a written report.

MOTION by HERBOLD and seconded by SWAILES, to consider **Resolution No. 21-18**, amending the contract with Brian Jensen to perform inspection services concerning and enforcement of the City’s Rental Housing Code, Zoning Ordinance, and other ordinances to provide for monthly compensation of \$1,000.00 instead of hourly compensation. **Carried.**

Herbold	Aye	Scott	Aye
Moore	Aye	Swailes	Aye
O’Sullivan	Aye		

Finance Report: Councilor Scott presented a verbal report.

MOTION by SCOTT and seconded by SWAILES, for Jack Laverman to continue mowing city property at the same rate of pay this year. **Carried.**

eGovernment: Councilor Moore presented a written report.

Announcements: Spring Cleanup Day: Saturday, April 17, 9-11:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:13 p.m**

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor

Attest: Mike Haverkamp, Temporary City Clerk