

February 11, 2020

Proceedings of the City Council of University Heights, Iowa, held at the Community Center, 1302 Melrose Avenue, subject to approval by the Council at a subsequent meeting. ALL VOTES ARE UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor From called the February 11, 2020 council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor From. Council Members: Casey Cook, Liesa Moore, Sara O’Sullivan, Bobby Scott and Doug Swailes. Staff present: Attorney Steve Ballard, Building and Housing Inspector Terry Goerdt, City Clerk Chris Anderson, Engineer Josiah Bilskemper, Housing Inspector Brian Jensen, Police Chief Troy Kelsay and Treasurer Lori Kimura. Also present were: Vicki Aden, Syndy Conger, Karin Franklin, Jim Glasgow, Steve Kuhl, Tim Lehman, Paul Moore, John Olson, Mike Ritchie, Jay Speckeen, Steve Smith, Kyle Vogel and Ken Yeggy.

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 regular council meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the February 6, 2020 special council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Mayor From read a proclamation supporting the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration in University Heights. Syndy Conger, League of Women Voters of Johnson County, thanked the city for the proclamation.

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

Kyle Vogel - Owner of Keystone Property Management

Paul Moore - 1000-1006 Melrose Avenue

FY21 Budget: Steve Kuhl, city accountant, presented the draft of the FY21 budget to the council. Kuhl outlined the changes to the process: cities are now required to have a maximum tax levy public hearing and final budgets are due to the state by March 31st. Kuhl stated the final budget must be published no later than March 12th.

Various individual budget items were discussed and City Engineer Bilskemper reviewed proposed street and sidewalk projects. The FY21 budget will be approved at the March 24th special council meeting.

A public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for FY21 will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

A public hearing on the FY21 budget will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

Discussion on Sewer Service, Street Parking and Traffic Concerns (Paul Moore): City Engineer Bilskemper presented proposed concepts to address ADA parking, drainage, and street width issues along Golfview Avenue near Paul Moore’s commercial building. Estimated cost for the various components was discussed, and the overall project concept was included in the council’s street projects list for further consideration during the budgeting process.

Mayor’s Report: A written report was presented.

Steve Smith, owner of Johnson County Refuse, addressed the council to explain the garbage, recycling and compost services.

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

Legal Report: A written report was presented.

MOTION by Moore, and seconded by Cook, to approve Resolution No. 20-04, appointing Terry Goerdt as a part-time employee to perform inspection services concerning and enforcement of the City’s Rental Housing Code, Zoning Ordinance, Building Code and related codes and ordinances. Carried.

Cook - Aye

Scott - Aye

Moore - Aye

Swailes - Aye

O’Sullivan - Aye

Kiesler's Police Supply, Inc.	Firearms & sight	1,293.70
TM Commercial Services	14 proximity cards	420.00
US Cellular	Wireless data & internet service for car computers	101.58
Keltek	8 bay dock with power supply	1,755.50
City of Iowa City	Bus, animal services & billing services	3,485.22
AT&T Mobility	Wireless service for police cars 12/20/2019 - 1/19/2020	292.66
Shive Hattery	January engineering services	9,457.63
Leff Law Firm, L.L.P.	January legal services	11,740.00
VISA	Google Suite, Grasshopper, WhenToWork, keys & toolbox	402.64
VISA	2 computer towers, Netgear switch, Soniclear renewal & cleaning supplies	1,950.19
Internet Navigator	Monthly fee for city website & email service	24.95
Internal Revenue Service	Federal payroll taxes	2,879.14
Internal Revenue Service	Federal payroll taxes	3,720.62
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	January IPERS contribution	386.86
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	January IPERS contribution	3,859.58
Wellmark BC/BS	February monthly insurance payment	2,254.88
MidAmerican Energy	1301 Melrose stop light	65.40
MidAmerican Energy	Pedestrian lights at 113 Golfview	40.16
MidAmerican Energy	1011 Melrose stop light	26.60
MidAmerican Energy	Street lights	462.02

General Fund - \$ 67,397.46

Employee Benefits Fund - \$ 13,101.08

Road Use Tax - \$ 594.18

Total Receipts \$ 56,858.85

Total Warrants \$ 81,092.72

Streets and Sidewalks: City Engineer Bilskemper presented a written report. Council member Swailes presented a verbal report.

MOTION by Cook, and seconded by Swailes, to approve Resolution No. 20-06, accepting bid and awarding contract for the Olive Court Improvements Project. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - Aye
 O'Sullivan - Aye

MOTION by Scott, and seconded by O'Sullivan, to approve Resolution No. 20-07, approving Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Iowa City concerning cost-sharing for Olive Court Reconstruction Project. **Carried.**

Cook - Aye Scott - Aye
 Moore - Aye Swailes - Aye
 O'Sullivan - Aye

eGovernment: A written report was presented.

Community Protection: A written report was presented by Police Chief Troy Kelsay. No report from council member O'Sullivan.

Finance Report: A verbal report was presented.

Building, Zoning and Sanitation: A verbal report was presented.

Announcements: None.

The meeting was adjourned **by unanimous consent at 9:00 p.m.**

Attest: Christine Anderson, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor