

February 21, 2023

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 SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor From called the February 21, 2023, special council meeting of the University Heights City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Louise From. Council Members: Stepheny Gahn, Liesa Moore, Tim Schroeder, Bobby Scott, Doug Swailes. Staff present: City Attorney Steve Ballard, City Clerk Mike Haverkamp, Police Chief Troy Kelsay. Also present: Iowa City Community School District (ICCSA) Board Vice President Lisa Williams, ICCSD Superintendent Matt Degner, ICCSD Board Members Molly Abraham and Charlie Eastham, ICCSD staff Deb Scott, and Alejandro Pezzulo. Absent: City Treasurer Lori Kimura.

Public Comments: No one from the public addressed the council.

Mayor From opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Superintendent Degner shared a Powerpoint presentation comparing achievement levels of students who had attended preschool to those who had not. He explained that the ICCSD wants to provide full day preschool/daycare to all 4-year-olds in the ICCSD.

Deb Scott continued the Powerpoint presentation and outlined the ICCSD Preschool Proposal. They are asking each municipality to contribute to the \$1.66 million proposal. Currently in the 2022-23 school year there are no University Heights children in ICCSD preschools; however, using a 6-year average of students, the University Heights annual contribution would be \$9881. One possible way to fund this might be with a Local Option Sales Tax (LOST).

Director Williams requested that University Heights consider the proposal by April 1, 2023.

Superintendent Degner gave an update on Horn School addition plans, which go for bid on Friday, February 24. The plans are for new kindergarten and preschool rooms, renovate the multi-purpose room into a new library, and update music rooms.

Treasurer’s Report: All bills were approved for payment by unanimous consent.

Warrants
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Table with 3 columns: NAME, MEMO, AMOUNT. Rows include VISA (\$917.34), Johnson County Refuse (\$6,808.00), Kronlage & Olson, PC (\$868.40), US Cellular (\$84.37), AT&T Mobility (\$288.89), and a summary row for General Fund - \$8967.00 and Total Warrants \$8967.00.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:50 p.m.

Attest: Michael Haverkamp, City Clerk

Approved: Louise A. From, Mayor