

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, IOWA

1004 Melrose Ave.

April 12, 2005

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson. Council Members From, Giese, Laverman, Schoenmaker, Wood. Staff present: Attorney Ballard, Clerk Musser, Treasurer Kimura, Engineer Bilskemper, Police Chief Fort. Others present: Carl Ogren, Chris Reitz, Sharyn Reitz, Cathy Schiele, Helene Soper, Robert T. Soper, Patti Williams, Chris Luzzie, Pat Bauer, Carol Rajagopal, Mindy Egeland, Bill Silverman, John Renton, Brennan McGrath, Lori Marshall, Ruth Kuntz.

MOTION by Giese, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the March 8 and March 14, 2005 meetings subject to a change in the wording of the paragraph regarding the Council appearance by the Coralville library.

Patti Wiliams spoke to the Council regarding the building placed on the Horn School grounds near the back of her property. She was seeking any help or suggestions available to further object to the placement of the building. A petition was suggested, as the City has little jurisdiction over the matter.

Due to the fact that all members of the public present were concerned with the library situation, discussion of the results of the recent survey was moved forward in the agenda. Carl Ogren, as spokesman for the group, talked of this group of people being strongly in favor of funding library services. Mayor Jacobsen explained the recent history of the issue and the results of the survey to date. The financial situation of the City was discussed at length as well as possible alternatives and the need to clarify the fact that the Council is not against funding library services, nor was the survey directed to be against such funding. One of the survey results was a nearly even split vote on the question of whether or not to have a tax levy earmarked for library services. The group present will be going forward with a petition to place a library levy on the November general election ballot.

As of the time of the meeting 86 surveys had been returned.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Wood, to approve the third consideration of Ordinance No. 146, amending Ordinance No. 79, regarding multifamily planned unit development. From asked Giese to further explain his nay vote on this ordinance at the last meeting. Giese again outlined his objection to the reduction of green space and the potential for the remodeled areas not meeting code. The vote on the motion was:

From	Aye	Schoenmaker	Aye	
Giese	Nay	Wood	Aye	
Laverman	Aye			<u>Carried</u>

MOTION by Giese, seconded by Laverman, to suspend the requirement that a proposed ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed. All voting Aye. Carried

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Giese, to approve Ordinance No. 147 adopting Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas and Electrical Codes. The vote on the motion was:

From	Aye	Schoenmaker	Aye	
Giese	Aye	Wood	Aye	
Laverman	Aye			<u>Carried</u>

Attorney Ballard reported that upon further study he believes that the current rental housing fees are cost effective and are currently higher than either Coralville or Iowa City. No action was taken on rental housing fees. Laverman suggested that Ballard look in to changes that would make housing occupied by family members who were not owners of a property subject to the rental housing codes.

Attorney Ballard repeated his discussion from the March meeting regarding addition tax levies available to fund the needs of the City. A levy for Civic Center facilities and a transit levy are the most possible. Laverman has asked for a rider ship survey from Iowa City Transit. This should be completed before the next fiscal year.

From reported on the activity of the “garden club”. They have had good contributions of both time and money, and will continue to meet on Saturday mornings to work on the “park” area, beginning again on April 23.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Wood, to approve all bills presented.

Carried

Warrants March 9 through April 12 , 2005

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rockafellow, Ryan P.	871.94	Fort, Ronald R.	1,116.00
Hamm, Michael G.	1,04.,79	Thomas, Jason N.	162.53
McLeod USA	104.85	MidAmerican Energy	98.48
MidAmeridan Energy	88.41	MidAmerican Energy	603.00
MidAmerican Energy	80.32	Wellmark BC/BS	458.10
Fort, Ronald R.	1,100.64	Rockafellow, Ryan P.	857.98
Hamm, Michael G.	1,085.19	Kimura, Lori D.	189.97
Musser, Jerry B.	341.19	Giese, David	184.70
Jacobson, Gloria N.	454.13	Laverman, Stanley M.	184.70
Schoenmaker, Adrian	184.70	Wood, David G.	184.70
From, Louise A.	184.70	Iowa State Bank & Trust	2,258.26
Treasurer, State of Iowa	1,086.00	IPERS	1,229.70
Iowa Workforce Development	142.86	Farm Bureau Financial	40.00
Paul J. Moore	750.00	City of Iowa City	13.27
Electronic Engineering	58.80	SEATS	644.07
Doris Eckey	75.00	Janna M. Manson	75.00
Judith or Dennis Moss	75.00	Lori Enloe	75.00
Karen Friedman	75.00	Stephanie Olson	75.00
Welt-Ambrisco	13,265.00	Communications Engineering	41.00
City of Coralville	630.00	City of Iowa City	13,630.13
City of Iowa City	346.90	DNR	1,250.00
G.A. Thompson Co.	703.50	Greenwood and Crim, PC	575.00
Johnson County Refuse	1,555.50	MPH Industries	46.92
Iowa City Press-Citizen	411.04	Racom Corporation	125.20
Shive Hattery	1,654.11	Vic’s Auto Body Repair	190.38
ABC Solutions	14.41	Galls, Inc.	61.96
Westport Touchless Autowash	15.00	TOTAL WARRANTS	\$50,766.03
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$31,574.97

Mayor’s Report: The next meeting of the Cities and the Board of Supervisors will be held on June 29. The cities were not notified of the last meeting. The Mayor attended the Public Leadership Group, made up of Johnson and Linn County Supervisors, and cities from those counties. They hired Doug Elliot as a meeting facilitator. They all reported about 28E agreements and/or inspection agreements each city was involved with. There was also ongoing discussion about the Cedar-Iowa River Rail Corridor project. Mayor Jacobson had a call from a resident on Golfview concerned with runoff from a neighbor’s property and the condition of the property.

Legal Report: Attorney Ballard is still in contact with the Regency Homes representatives and they are moving forward with their plans for the Grandview Court property.

Police Report: The written report had been distributed. Chief Fort was concerned with the washout on the edge of Golfview Ave. as a safety issue. He spoke of the need to establish a “forfeiture” account as called for by State Law for any funds received from drug arrests. Chief Fort and Councilman Wood inquired about placing the police “blotter” on the web site. The Council all approved of this.

Engineer's Report: North Liberty will not be able to do the street sweeping as previously approved. Bilskemper will make further contacts to find a city or company to do the job. The LED walk signals are in place on the traffic lights.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Budget amendment discussion will be part of the May meeting.

e-govt: The police blotter will be placed on the web site as previously mentioned.

Building, zoning & Sanitation: No report.

Community Protection: The police committee had met. See the police report for details.

Streets and sidewalks: A sidewalk inspection will be made and a repair resolution presented at the May meeting.

JCCOG: Councilman Schoenmaker attended a "Trails Planning Workshop". Three priority trails in Johnson County were identified and the concept of trails still seems to be in public favor. The Emergency Managements meeting was held March 23. Discussion concerned emergency equipment, regional purchasing and "terrorist targets" in Johnson County. He also attended the JCCOG meeting on March 30. His notes on the meeting were filed. No discussion directly affected University Heights.

MOTION by Laverman, seconded by Schoenmaker, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: Jerry B. Musser, City Clerk

Approved: Gloria Jacobson, Mayor