

May 8, 2001

Mayor Jacobson called to order a regular meeting of the Council at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jacobson; Council Members From, Gay, Jones, Martin, Schoenmaker; Attorney Ballard; Chad Lambi, Shive-Hattery Engineers & Architects; Police Chief McDonald; Treasurer Reitz; Clerk Birk.

Others Present: Allan Mebus, Horn School PTO; Kevin J. Doyle, JCCOG; Omer Letts, University Heights Building Inspector; Betty Letts; Lenny Robles, Moveable Feast; David Wood; John Ter Haar.

Absent: None.

ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting in April.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Omer Letts has been the City’s Building Inspector for more than 20 years. He is now retiring. Mayor Jacobson presented Mr. Letts with a letter of appreciation for his service to the City and a clock. She also extended her thanks, and that of the Council and City Staff.

The owners of the Lots 114 and 115 wish to redraw the Plat for Lot 115. They have made improvements to Lot 114 that extend into Lot 115. The property is for sale and Lot 115 is being offered as a separate lot. They would like these improvements to remain with the portion of Lot 114.

MOTION by Jones, second by Martin, to approve the Plat of Survey for Lot 115.

Carried.

Allan Mebus, President of the Horn School PTO, spoke to Council regarding medical emergency calls to the school. Because the City receives fire protection from Coralville, Coralville also responds to medical emergencies in University Heights. Due to the construction on Morman Trek there could be delays in response during this time. If an agreement can be made, Mr. Mebus would like medical emergency calls at Horn School to be covered by Fire Station 2 in Iowa City, which is located near the school. He had informal conversations with the Fire Chief in Coralville and in Iowa City and they are willing to agree to this. Attorney Ballard will look at the 28E agreement with Coralville for Fire Protection and will write a letter to Coralville saying that University Heights approves of this arrangement.

Kevin Doyle of JCCOG presented a resolution for the renewal of the agreement between University Heights and Johnson County for SEATS service. The annual cost remains the same as last year: \$7,098.

RESOLUTION (01-04) Introduced by Jones, second by From, authorizing the 23rd renewal of the 28E agreement between the City of University Heights and Johnson County for SEATS transit service.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 8th day of May 2001.

Mr. Doyle presented a resolution for the renewal of the agreement between University Heights and Iowa City for bus service. Due to changes in population the annual cost to the City will be \$26,192.04, down from last year's \$27,411.

RESOLUTION (01-05) Introduced by Jones, second by Gay, authorizing the renewal of the 28E agreement between the City of University Heights and the City of Iowa City for transit service within University Heights.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 8th day of May 2001.

Council considered the renewal of the liquor license for the University Athletic Club which expires on May 30, which was presented by Attorney Ballard.

MOTION by Jones, second by From, to approve the liquor license renewal for the University Athletic Club. Carried.

Council considered the application for renewal of the liquor license for the Moveable Feast, which expired on March 31. Notice of the need for renewal was mailed by the Beverage Control Commission to the license holder sixty days in advance. Council would like more information on last year's situation before giving approval for this year's renewal. Wine and beer is not being sold at this time.

MOTION by From, second by Jones, to table the discussion until next month.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSTAIN:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones
		X	Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 8th day of May 2001.

Council considered an agreement with Coralville for building inspection services. It differs from the agreement passed last month in the respect that the fee is \$30 per hour as opposed to \$22 per hour that was discussed last month.

RESOLUTION (01-06) introduced by Jones, second by Martin, to authorize a 28E agreement between the City of University Heights and the City of Coralville for building inspection services.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones

X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 8th day of May 2001.

Attorney Ballard presented a resolution which releases Lot 96 from a lien regarding the original installation of sidewalk.

RESOLUTION (01-07) by Gay, second by Schoenmaker, to authorize sidewalk release for Lot 96.

The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	
X			From
X			Gay
X			Jones
X			Martin
X			Schoenmaker

Passed and approved this 8th day of May 2001.

PUBLIC INPUT: John Ter Haar said that cars were still parking on the lawns in his neighborhood and are parking beyond the overtime limit on the street. He was directed to call the police about persistent violations. Mr. Ter Haar noted that there may also be zoning ordinance violations. Attorney Ballard will check with Ken Schweitzer of the Coralville Housing Department to inquire as to the status of inspections on this street.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Reitz distributed the report for April. She noted that she is projecting a deficit to the current budget in the amount of \$51,000. She summarized the increases in income in the areas of cable TV franchise fees, interest earned and rental housing fees. There was a decrease in traffic fines collected. Increases in expenses occur in the police and equipment budgets in the amount of \$9,000, curb numbering in the amount of \$2,700, tree removal in the amount of \$3,800, building inspection fees of \$1,000, an increase in legal fees of \$17,600 and an accounting fee increase of \$1,600. Street improvements cost \$3,500 more than budgeted and snow removal had an increase of \$1,345. A public hearing will need to be held to consider a revised budget. Treasurer Reitz will meet with Steve Kuhl of Greenwood and Crim to submit revised data and to produce an amended budget.

MOTION by Jones, second by Martin, to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office to adopt a revised budget.

Carried.

MOTION by Martin, second by Jones, for payment of all the bills.

Carried.

WARRANTS – APRIL

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
12506	Paul J. Moore, Melrose Ave Building	Gen:P&A-Rent	650.00
12538	VISA	Gen: Police Supplies/Office cleaning supplies	84.16
12539	U.S. Cellular	Gen:CP:Cell phone	99.21
12540	Iowa City Press-Citizen	Gen:P&A:Publications	112.86
12541	Westport Touchless Autowash	Gen:CP:Vehicle Wash	36.00
12543	McLeod USA	Gen:P&A:Phone	120.83
12544	Zephyr Copies	Gen:P&A:Reports	19.30
12545	Johnson County Treasurer	Gen:CP:Sheriff/Radio contract	1,666.25

12546	Greenwood and Crim, P.C.	Gen:P&A:Accounting:Budget prep	475.00
12547	IPERS	Gen:P&A:Service Fee	10.00
12548	Laerdal	Gen:CP:Equipment-Defibrillators	6,638.60
12549	Shive Hattery	Gen:HCE:Engineering Fees	672.80
12550	McCune, Garry W.	Gen:CP:Weapon Allowance	291.50
12551	City of Iowa City	Gen:P&A:Water/Sewer	15.75
12552	City of Iowa City	Gen:HD:Bus/CP-Fuel	2,517.51
12553	MidAmerican Energy	Gen:Office Electric/SR:Street and Stoplights	1,608.89
12554	Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Gen:CP:Training:Shawn Sharp MMPI & eval	100.00
12555	Phillips 66 Company	Gen:CP:Vehicle Maintenance/Supplies	16.26
12556	Virginia Nowak	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12557	Jennifer Reinhardt	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12558	Amy and Mark Carson	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12559	Betty Voyce	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12560	June Braverman	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12561	Michael Tansey	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12562	Galls Incorporated	Gen:CP: Veh Equip- Strobe power supply & ext	314.65
12563	SEATS	Gen:HD:Seats Service	591.50
12564	Johnson County Refuse	Gen:HCE-Trash/Recycling/Snow removal/sanding	6,440.00
12567	Matthew Nelson	Gen:HD:Library Card	75.00
12568	Birk, Patricia	Gen:P&A:Payroll	210.72
12569	McCune, Garry W.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,765.34
12570	McDonald, Robert F.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,825.83
12571	Reitz, Sharyn H.	Gen:P&A:Payroll	211.72
12572	Sharp, Shawn P.	Gen:CP:Payroll	466.83
12573	Shimon, Brian S.	Gen:CP:Payroll	1,217.36
12574	Stange, Steven R.	Gen:CP:Payroll	175.05
12575	IPERS		1,193.66
12576	IOWA STATE BANK & TRUST CO	42-1109342	1,916.32
12577	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	42-1109342-001	<u>271.00</u>
	TOTAL		<u>32,259.90</u>

INCOME	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	91,635.75	15,366.35	5,482.12	112,484.22

MAYOR'S REPORT: A tree is hanging over the sidewalk on Koser. The property owner will be notified. A property owner reported damage from the tires of the snow removal truck. Investigation shows that the ruts were made by some other vehicle. A residence on Highland is in violation of the zoning ordinance. The owner has been notified and will not renew the tenants' lease. A letter was received from the Iowa Association of School Boards asking that May 13 to 19 be declared "School Board Recognition Week".

MOTION by Jones, second by Martin, to declare May 13 to May 19 as School Board Recognition week. Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: The insurance on the City's traffic signals was increased.

LEGAL REPORT: A traffic compendium ordinance is being prepared and will be ready for the June Council meeting. Attorney Ballard will be absent from the June City Council meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Lambi suggested that the City not use federal funding to construct the left turn lane at Melrose and Sunset, but rather to use City funds for this project. Due to the administrative work required, the engineering costs would be high if federal funds are used and the project would be bid by the DOT in Ames. If the sub-drain project for Mahaska Court is delayed until future sub-drain work is needed, there would be funds to do the left turn lane this year.

He indicated that it may be possible to use the federal funding to pay for the addition of a scramble phase to the signal at Melrose and Sunset while the interconnect work is being done. This is the all-stop phase that is being requested by the Horn School PTO. He will talk to Iowa City to see what the cost would be. Council Member Jones said that the money allocated for the left turn lane cannot be used to add the scramble phase without JCCOG approving the change in the project. Engineer Lambi will gather cost estimates and report to Council next month. Street cleaning is being done at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Chief McDonald gave the police report for last month. The marked patrol car was damaged in a rear end collision. The switchbox in the marked car is not working and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost is about \$220.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: The public hearing to amend the budget will be on May 30 at 7:00 p.m.

BUILDING, ZONING & SANITATION: Notes informing residents that they will be receiving a new recycling container will be distributed. The blue bins will be picked up and will be replaced with a yellow bin with a lid.

Council Member From asked about buying gifts with City funds. In the past any gifts have been purchased with donations from Council Members. Because he was a City employee, it was decided to use City funds to purchase the clock for Omer Letts.

MOTION by Gay, second by Martin, to use City funds to purchase the clock.

Carried.

FIRE AND POLICE: Council Member Gay asked Police Chief McDonald to look into new pricing for the cell phones. They will continue to use analog cell phones. More vigilance is needed in controlling parking problems.

MOTION by Gay, second by Jones, to purchase a new switchbox for the marked patrol car at the most reasonable cost possible. Carried.

STREET AND SIDEWALKS: The street markings are very faded. They will be re-painted at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

JCCOG: Council Member Jones gave some background information about the transfer station in Coralville. He informed Council Members that residents could take yard waste to the landfill at no charge. He said that the recycling at the landfill is expected to open this summer. He suggested that the City may wish to specify in future refuse contracts that waste must be deposited at the Iowa City landfill.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Approved _____
Gloria N. Jacobson, Mayor

Attest _____
Patricia Birk, Clerk

NOTE: Minutes subject to approval and corrections.