

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

AMES, IOWA

FEBRUARY 29, 2008

A Legislative Update was held at 1:30 p.m. on February 29, 2008, in Conference Room 135 of City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue. The Update provided a forum for Ames' elected officials and City staff to dialog with state legislators regarding proposed legislation and legislative priorities for the community.

Attending from the Ames City Council were Mayor Campbell and Council Members Doll, Larson, Popken, and Rice. Absent were Goodman and Mahayni.

Also attending were Senator Herman Quimbach (Senate District 23), Representative Beth Wessel-Kroeschell (House District 45), and Representative Lisa Heddens (Housing District 46).

Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred and Fire Chief Clint Petersen described various bills of interest to the City, including those dealing with funding for the Fire Service Training Bureau in Ames, special elections, Civil Service law, public safety collective bargaining, retirement benefits, and witness confidentiality. Legislative priorities from the Iowa League of Cities and the Metropolitan Coalition were also reviewed.

The three state representatives shared progress on bills of importance to the City. Topics included alternative revenue sources, the property tax roll-back, TIME-21 funding, eminent domain, prevailing wages, and public transportation.

The legislators expressed appreciation for the opportunity to visit with the Mayor and City Council. Senator Quimbach suggested that City officials hold such a meeting earlier next year in December.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor

Assistant City Manager Bob Kindred,
Recording Secretary