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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

The Ames City Council met in Special Session for the budget wrap-up at 5:15 p.m., followed by its Regular Meeting, on the 10th day of February, 2015, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor Ann Campbell presiding and the following Council members present: Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Matthew Goodman, Chris Nelson, and Peter Orazem. *Ex officio* Member Lissandra Villa was also present.

ARTS FUNDING (COTA): Assistant City Manager Melissa Mundt introduced Melinda Cooper, Chairperson of the Commission On The Arts (COTA). Ms. Cooper advised that the COTA Grant Application had been updated during the last year. It was noted that the Council had, at its Budget Guidelines meeting held November 25, 2014, approved a 3.0% increase over the 2014/15 Adopted or \$148,733. Ms. Mundt noted that the total allocations for the Annual Grants total \$143,620 and \$5,113 for Special Project Grants. The Special Project Grants are awarded in \$750 increments. Organizations had requested 24% more than what was allocated. There were no new organizations applying for funding this year.

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING (ASSET): Assistant City Manager Mundt reported that the City Council had set its FY 2015/16 ASSET priorities in July 2014; the top emphasis is the Basic Needs for low- to moderate-income individuals. Also emphasis was kept on mental health, and in December, a request for funding came in from Eyerly Ball. Funding of ASSET increased approximately 8.7% (approximately \$300,000) by all the funders. The largest increase came from Story County, specifically, for mental health. Ms. Mundt that the City Council had approved a 7.0% increase over last year's allocation.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION (PAC): Allison Sheridan, Chairperson of PAC, introduced PAC Co-Chairperson Sarah Buss. Ms. Sheridan told the Council of its leadership and restructuring changes. She noted that some policy changes will be presented to the City Council for approval in the near future. Ms. Sheridan gave the highlights of the "Sculpture Program." Looking ahead to PAC's 25th year, some GIS mapping of the art collection will be done. Discussions will be held on maintenance and updating the current collection as well as acquisition of new works. Ms. Sheridan presented a funding request in the amount of \$41,000 for FY 2015/16, which is an increase of \$4,000 over the FY 2014/15 Budget. Artwork is becoming more expensive, and the additional allocation would accommodate future acquisitions and pay for additional concrete pads for the artwork.

OUTSIDE FUNDING REQUESTS: Brian Phillips, Management Analyst, said that funding applications had been received from seven organizations for the next fiscal year. He stated that additional information had been received pertaining to the Ames Economic Development Commission (AEDC) request for the Buxton Retail Analysis, which was that the service had been used approximately 115 times over the course of the year to develop reports and analysis for different customers. Mr. Phillips noted three agencies that had requested substantially more funding: (1) Ames Historical Society (AHS) had requested \$35,000 for 2015/16, up from the \$24,000 allocated in 2014/15 Adopted. (2) Campustown Action Association (CAA) had requested \$30,000, up from the \$25,000 allocated in 2014/15 Adopted; and (3) Main Street Cultural District (MSCD) had requested \$49,000 for 2015/16. Regarding the request, Mr.

Phillips reported that representatives of the MSDC had told City staff that if the recommended \$36,000 was adopted, it would prefer not to coordinate the 4th of July Parade. That event is expensive to coordinate, and it did not feel that it could afford to take it on as well as the other events that were being planned and/or proposed.

Kathy Svec, Co-President of the Ames Historical Society (AHS) Board, was present. Council Member Betcher asked to know how much service has been expanded by additional hours and duties. Ms. Svec stated that there had been a substantial expansion of open hours, and it has been challenging to fill those hours with staff. According to Ms. Svec, there had been a large increase in research and reference questions, partly due to the Sesquicentennial occurring in 2014. She reported that staff had conducted over 70 programs with over 3,000 people in attendance during the Sesquicentennial. Between 50 and 60 programs had been offered the year before. At the inquiry of Mayor Campbell, Ms. Svec stated that the AHS is attempting to stabilize its professional staff by offering livable wages. Part of the additional funding request is due to a recommended increase in salaries from \$10 - \$11/hour to \$14 - \$15/hour. It was also reported by Ms. Svec that storage of the historical collection continues to be a challenge; the majority of the money goes towards housing the collection. The first time a permanent building was dedicated to housing local history was in 2012. There are currently 12 locations all over town where the collections are being stored. According to Ms. Svec, the AHS more than matches the City's funding through fund-raising and grant-writing campaigns. Council Member Goodman noted that, from FY 2013/14 to FY 2014/15, the AHS nearly doubled its funding (from \$35,000 to approximately \$65,000). The total budget for AHS is \$195,000, of which only \$35,000 is being requested from the City.

Kim Hanna, Director of the CAA, noted that an additional \$3,000 was being requested to fund attendance at the International Town & Gown Conference. According to Ms. Hanna, Iowa State University is providing funding for representatives of the CAA to attend the Conference this summer. After attending, if CAA representatives believe it was beneficial, it will attempt to find funding sources to allow attendance at future Town & Gown Conferences.

Main Street Cultural District. Jess Clyde, MSCD Board President, stated that a Director will be coming on board shortly. Cliff Smith, Vice-President, was also present. Mr. Clyde stated that part of the MSCD budget request included a light project for Downtown. In reference to the 4th of July Parade, Mr. Clyde advised that the amount of time, energy, resources, and money has consistently drained the District, as it typically loses money on that event. Mr. Smith stated that the MSCD continues to seek ways that it can make a 4th of July Parade happen; it is actively seeking other partners to help with financing. Mr. Clyde stated that the District believes that the increased funding (from \$32,000 in 2014/15 and \$49,000 in 2015/16) will allow the MSCD to provide even higher quality products.

Hunziker Youth Sports Complex (HYSC). Mark Kutchen, 701 Garden Road, Ames, representing the HYSC, thanked the City Council for its support on behalf of the 1,250 local children who participate on a regular basis in the spring, summer, and fall at the Complex.

AEDC. Council Member Goodman asked Dan Culhane to explain the price decline for the Buxton program. Mr. Culhane, replied that Buxton is recognized by national retailers as being very legitimately data-driven. The data set had to be established during the first year. The City and the AEDC split that cost. Subsequently, after the data set was established, the cost of \$15,000 had been split between the two entities.

Council Member Betcher asked how many of the 115 uses translated into someone relocating to Ames or purchasing property in Ames. Mr. Culhane did not have the figures available at this meeting; however, he does know that the private development community has seen an increase in inquiries and activity. Council Member Goodman asked to have this information included in the AEDC Annual Report.

PUBLIC INPUT ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP) AND OPERATING BUDGET: Kim Hanna, Director of the CAA, thanked the City for including five years of funding for the Campustown Facade Program that had been included in the CIP.

SALARIES FOR COUNCIL APPOINTEES: Council Member Nelson stated that he and Council Member Orazem had been appointed by the Mayor to conduct the evaluation process for City Council appointees Steve Schainker, City Manager; and Judy Parks, City Attorney.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Orazem, that the Base Pay for City Manager Steve Schainker be increased by \$4,322.83 to \$196,448.40; Deferred Compensation be increased by \$710.24 to \$32,276.47; with the vehicle allowance remaining at \$6,000, for a total compensation for FY 2015/16 of \$234,724.87.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Orazem, to increase the Base Pay in the amount of \$3,690 for City Attorney Judy Parks, for a total compensation for FY 2015/16 of \$126,690.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO 2014/19 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP): Moved by Goodman, seconded by Betcher, to approve the clarified wording for the Flood Mitigation - River Flooding (replacing the old page with the new page) and that the design doesn't start for Flood Mitigation until the City Council receives the numbers on the Grand Avenue Extension project.

City Manager Schainker advised that staff would have those numbers for the Council in March or April.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Council Member Goodman asked for clarification of the Airport Improvements project. City Manager Schainker brought the Council's attention to Page 119 of the Draft CIP for 2014-2019 and compared those numbers to page 117 of the Draft CIP for 2015-2020. In summary, the project had increased in price from \$3.2 million to \$3.4 million. Mr. Schainker emphasized that the terminal has not yet been designed. The hangar has been broken out; it is now assumed that the private sector and Iowa State University will construct the hangar and donate the structure to the City of Ames. The projected value of the hangar is estimated to be \$960,000. Mr. Schainker explained the new funding strategy. The strategy was based on assurances that taxpayers would not have to cover any additional debt. It is expected that the additional \$943,000 debt service expense would be offset through the usage of the enhanced Terminal and private hangar and renegotiated Fixed Base Operator (FBO) contract. In addition, the University has agreed to enter into a "Backstop" Agreement to cover the difference, i.e, if there is not sufficient revenue in any one year to cover the debt service and operating expenses, the University will pay the difference.

APPROVAL OF 2015/20 CIP, AS AMENDED: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Gartin, to approve the Capital Improvements Plan for 2015/20, as amended.

Council Member Goodman voiced concerns over the process followed for the Airport Improvements project. He said he was not sure what the actual private sector amount is; however, the funding was not one-third from three entities (including the City) that was part of the original funding strategy. He noted that no market study had been conducted to indicate what size of Terminal or hangar is needed. Mr. Goodman acknowledged that a positive is the Backstop Agreement by the University.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO FY 2014/15 BUDGET: City Manager Schainker told the Council that on the table is the Council's support for the Planning Department. There are funds available to add a Planner; contained in the current budget was funding for a temporary Planner, however, no one had been hired yet.

Moved by Orazem, seconded by Goodman, to add one FTE for a Planner in the Planning and Housing Department in the 2014/15 Budget.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FY 2014/15, AS AMENDED: Moved by Goodman, seconded by Orazem, to approve the FY 2014/15 budget, as amended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2014/15:

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to set March 3, 2015, as the date of public hearing on the proposed budget amendments for FY 2014/15.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED FY 2015/16 BUDGET: Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to increase the FY 2015/16 Operating Budget by \$100,000 from the General Fund for the new Planner position in the Planning and Housing Department.

City Manager Schainker reported that, with that addition, the overall tax rate for 2015/16 will still decrease 22.5 cents (rather than the projected 26 cents) from the FY 2014/15.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to allocate \$35,000 (an increase of \$11,000 from FY 2014/15) to the Ames Historical Society.

Finance Director Pitcher noted that the City will enter into a contract with the AHS that includes a scope of services that the City will receive for its funding. Mr. Phillips explained that the application of the AHS provided information to justify its request for \$35,000.

Discussion ensued over whether there would be an increased level of service that would be provided by the AHS for the additional \$11,000 or would it only be to increase salaries to provide the same level of service. Council Member Gartin stated that he was concerned over the precedent that would be set when the funding will be used for increased salaries to provide

the same level of service versus adding services. Management Analyst Phillips noted that staff will attempt to come up with a service-based formula that would show the additional services that would be received by the City for the additional \$11,000. Council Member Goodman noted how much other revenue was being leveraged by the AHS; the City's allocation is a small part of the total budget of the AHS.

Vote on Motion: 5-1. Voting aye: Betcher, Corrieri, Goodman, Nelson, Orazem. Voting nay: Gartin. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Orazem, seconded by Corrieri, to allocate funding to the Commission on The Arts (COTA) in the amount of \$148,733, as recommended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Nelson, to allocate funding to ASSET in the amount of \$1,212,375, as recommended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Gartin, to allocate funding to the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex in the amount of \$26,680.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to allocate funding to the Campustown Action Association in the amount of \$27,000.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to allocate funding to the Main Street Cultural District in the amount of \$36,000.

Vote on Motion: 5-1. Voting aye: Betcher, Corrieri, Gartin, Goodman, Nelson. Voting nay: Orazem. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to allocate funding to the Public Art Commission (PAC) in the amount of \$41,000.

Vote on Motion: 5-1. Voting aye: Corrieri, Gartin, Goodman, Nelson, Orazem. Voting nay: Betcher. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2015/16, AS AMENDED: Moved by Orazem seconded by Gartin, to approve the proposed 2014/15 Budget, as amended.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2015/16: Moved by Orazem, seconded by Goodman, to set March 3, 2015, as the date of public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2015/16.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Campbell announced that the Council would be working from an Amended Agenda. A Closed Session to discuss matters presently in litigation had been added.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Motion approving payment of claims
2. Motion approving Minutes of Special Meetings of January 30, February 3, 4, and 5, 2015, and Regular Meeting of January 27, 2015
3. Motion approving Report of Contract Change Orders for January 16-31, 2015
4. Motion approving renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits, and Liquor Licenses:
 - a. Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service – Cy’s Roost, 121 Welch Avenue
 - b. Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service – Mickey’s Irish Pub, 109 Welch Avenue
 - c. Class E Liquor, C Beer, and B Wine – Fareway Store #386, 619 Burnett Avenue
 - d. Class E Liquor, C Beer, and B Wine – Fareway Store #093, 3619 Stange Road
 - e. Class C Liquor – El Azteca, 2727 Stange Road
 - f. Class B Liquor – Holiday Inn Ames, 2609 University Boulevard
 - g. Class C Beer and B Wine – Gateway Expresse, 2400 University Boulevard
 - h. Class C Liquor – Taking It Easy Lounge, 129 Lincoln Way
 - i. Class C Liquor – Ge’ Angelo’s, 823 Wheeler Street, #9
 - j. Special Class C Liquor – Shogun of Ames, 3704 Lincoln Way
 - k. Class C Liquor – The 5 & Dime, 115 5th Street
 - l. Class C Beer – Almost Always Open, 419 Lincoln Way
5. Motion approving new Class B Beer Permit & Class C Native Wine - Café Milo, 4800 Mortensen Road
6. Motion approving 5-day (February 21-25) Class C Liquor License for Olde Main Brewing Company at Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Boulevard
7. RESOLUTION NO. 15-058 setting date of public hearing on Notice of Intent to issue \$15,000,000 Essential Corporate Purpose General Obligation Bonds, \$5,950,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds and Associated Tax Levy for Debt Service
8. RESOLUTION NO. 15-059 setting date of public hearing for February 24, 2015, on vacating storm water flowage easement and storm sewer easement for 5328 Tabor Drive
9. RESOLUTION NO. 15-060 approving 2014 Resource Recovery Annual Report
10. RESOLUTION NO. 15-061 approving Commission On The Arts (COTA) Special Grants for Spring 2015
11. RESOLUTION NO. 15-062 authorizing offer of health insurance benefits to Electric Services temporary employee
12. RESOLUTION NO. 15-063 awarding contract to Itron, Inc., of Liberty Lake, WA, in an amount not to exceed \$304,084 for Water Meter Automatic Meter Reading System
13. RESOLUTION NO. 15-064 awarding contract to Storey Kenworthy of Ames, Iowa, in the amount of \$82,707.38 and Alternate #1 in the amount of \$3,304.55 for Modular Furniture for City Hall Renovation Phase 2 project
14. RESOLUTION NO. 15-065 awarding contract to Midwest Underground Supply of Bondurant, Iowa, in the amount of \$38,500 for Wood Chipper
15. RESOLUTION NO. 15-066 approving contract and bond for Controls and Relaying Panels for 69kV Substation Panel and Transmission Line Terminal Upgrades - Dayton and Stange Substations
16. RESOLUTION NO. 15-067 accepting completion of 2012/13 Arterial Street Pavement Improvements - State Avenue (Oakwood Road to U. S. Highway 30 Overpass)
17. RESOLUTION NO. 15-068 accepting completion of 2012/13 Asphalt Resurfacing/Seal Coat Removal/Asphalt Reconstruction Program (Carroll Avenue)
18. RESOLUTION NO. 15-069 accepting completion of 2013/14 Concrete Pavement Improvements Contract No. 1 (Knapp Street and Lynn Avenue)

19. 2013/14 Downtown Street Pavement Improvements (5th Street):
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 15-070 approving Change Order No. 2
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 15-071 accepting completion
 20. 4316 Ontario Street (Sawyer Elementary School):
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 15-072 approving Plat of Survey
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 15-073 approving Acquisition Plat for street right-of-way on Ontario Street
 - c. RESOLUTION NO. 15-074 approving Quit Claim Deed conveying street right-of-way
 21. 3605 Lincoln Way:
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 15-075 approving Plat of Survey
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 15-076 approving Acquisition Plat for street right-of-way on Lincoln Way
 - c. RESOLUTION NO. 15-077 approving Quit Claim Deed for 3605 Lincoln Way
- Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolutions/Motions declared adopted/approved unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of the Minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Campbell asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on any item that was not listed on the Agenda. No one came forward, and the Mayor closed Public Forum.

STAFF REPORT ON DEVELOPING A BRAND COMMUNICATIONS PLAN: Public Information Official Susan Gwiasda noted that branding had been a topic of discussion at the Council's most-recent Goal-Update Workshop. It was in response to an objective under the City Council goal of Promoting Economic Development.

Council Member Goodman asked if funding had been allocated to fund a Brand Communications Plan. City Manager Schainker noted that he had placed \$200,000 in the 2014/15 Budget as a placeholder based on the Council's goal.

Mayor Campbell pointed out that the City had received more recognition in the past few years than ever before. Knowing that, she asked what the City was trying to accomplish by creating a brand.

Council Member Goodman stated his belief that the goal should be to impact a certain demographic in a positive way towards Ames, define that demographic, and allocate a certain amount of money, e.g., \$70,000 for the first year, with lowering amounts in future years. However, he did not want the entire budget to increase the \$200,000 that has been placed in the 2014/15 Budget. He suggested that the demographic be young adults transitioning towards families. Mr. Goodman recommended that the targeted area to recruit from be the Ames-to-Des Moines corridor.

Council Member Orazem believes that Ames has done a good job at using the same logo, thus, replicating the same image among several entities. He believes that Ames' presence has gotten better in terms of Web delivery. Mr. Orazem questioned how the City would know if it succeeded. Ms. Gwiasda said the City would have to conduct surveys. Mr. Goodman agreed, stating that the demographic has to be surveyed before and after to determine the impact. Council Member Corrieri pointed out that the impact might not be known for years. Council Member Orazem stated that he would want to know how the demographic would be contacted.

City Manager Schainker stated that a consultant would be hired to create the Plan. The Plan would be to promote the Community Vision.

Ex officio Member Lissandra Villa asked why the focus would not be on retaining recent Iowa State University graduates. Council Member Goodman said it is hoped that that is already happening. He only suggested a demographic that he thought was not locating in Ames.

Council Member Betcher asked for more specifics from Council Member Goodman about whether he was suggesting that a certain demographic move to Ames, feel good about Ames, or shop in Ames. Ms. Betcher said that she was not in favor of spending money on the branding efforts and then not following-up. Mr. Goodman said that Ames could benefit from controlling the message. Ms. Betcher would like to see the process to be more targeted.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Orazem, to ask Susan Gwiasda to find a consultant to help the Council with the Brand Communications Plan with the demographic targeted being young adults transitioning to families who choose to live in Ames, take data before and at the end of the process, that the brand message be to promote the Community Vision, and that the targeted area be first the Ames to Des Moines Corridor.

Council Member Gartin stated his opinion that he does not want people just to come to Ames to live. He wants people to come to Ames because they have a job or that they are entrepreneurial and will create jobs. Council Member Orazem disagreed, stating that he wants people to live in Ames. He believes people already have jobs in the area, but they are not choosing to live in Ames. According to Mr. Orazem, the most mobile part of society is 18 to 25 years of age. Council Member Gartin shared that he had heard the reason that people don't live in Ames is due to the cost of housing.

Council Member Betcher suggested that before it determines how to implement the Plan, it is important to know the cost of the Plan; the cost might be prohibitive.

Council Member Goodman advised that the City of Ames has never done this; he would like to try it. The Council, after seeing the Plan and the cost to implement same, might decide not to go ahead with it.

Council Member Corrieri believes that Susan Gwiasda would find a consultant who will come back to the Council with a scope of services. The Council will then decide whether it wants to move forward with the Plan.

According to Mr. Goodman, he believes that the survey will measure the observable. Council Member Gartin asked how success will be measured. He doesn't want the goal to be just increase the population of Ames. Council Member Goodman believes that many of those people will choose to invest in Ames.

Vote on Motion: 5-1. Voting aye: Betcher, Corrieri, Gartin, Goodman, Orazem. Voting nay: Nelson. Motion declared carried.

AGREEMENT WITH XENIA RURAL WATER DISTRICT: Moved by Orazem, seconded by Nelson, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-078 approving the Agreement between the City of Ames and Xenia Rural Water District concerning continued water service to certain parcels adjacent to ISU Research Park Phase III.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT: Assistant City Manager Kindred presented an overview of the planned Municipal Airport improvements. Work on the planned terminal area improvements is anticipated to begin in early 2015. Initial steps include site grading, utilities, and parking areas under a Federal Aviation Association (FAA) grant that will utilize all of the \$450,000 in federal entitlement funds granted to the Ames Airport. Those steps will prepare the area and set the building elevations to facilitate construction of the storage hangar in 2015 and construction of the terminal soon after.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Nelson, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-079 approving Airport Improvements Funding Agreement with Iowa State University.

Roll Call Vote: 5-1. Voting aye: Betcher, Corrieri, Gartin, Nelson, Orazem. Voting nay: Goodman. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS FOR 2015: Moved by Gartin, seconded by Orazem, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-080 approving the 2015 Urban Revitalization Tax Abatement Requests.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

HEARING ON RIVER VALLEY PARK COMPLEX IRRIGATION PROJECT: Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing was closed.

Moved by Orazem, seconded by Betcher, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-081 approving final plans and specifications and awarding a contract to T & T Sprinkler Services, Inc., of Ankeny, Iowa, in the amount of \$107,125.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

HEARING ON DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM FOR POWER PLANT: The public hearing was opened by the Mayor. She closed same after no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to accept the report of bids and delay award.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

HEARING ON VACATING STORM WATER EASEMENT AT 301, 303, 305, AND 321 SOUTH 5TH STREET: Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing. The hearing was closed when there was no one who asked to speak.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Orazem, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-081 approving the vacation of a Storm Water Easement at 301, 303, 305, and 321 South 5th Street.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

HEARING ON ADOPTION OF 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE: Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Goodman, to pass on first reading the 2014 *National Electric Code*, with local edits.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING 517 LINCOLN WAY URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA:

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to pass on second reading an ordinance establishing the 517 Lincoln Way Urban Revitalization Area.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO VENDING: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Gartin, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 4208 pertaining to vending.

Roll Call Vote: 4-1-1. Voting aye: Betcher, Gartin, Nelson, Orazem. Voting nay: Corrieri. Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Goodman. Ordinance declared adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: *Ex officio* Member Villa asked to make another comment on the possible Brand Communications Plan. She stated that, rather than trying to put out ads elsewhere and recruit people outside of Ames, the focus should be on retaining, after graduation, the students who have actually chosen to come to Ames.

Council Member Betcher raised an issue about the language used when the City drafts Quit Claim Deeds. Specifically, the Deeds state, “Know All *Men* by these Presents...” She would like the wording to be more gender-neutral.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to change the wording on Deeds to be more gender-neutral.

Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: Council Member Gartin asked City Attorney Parks if there was a legal reason to go into Closed Session. Ms. Parks replied in the affirmative.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Goodman, to hold a Closed Session, as provided by Section 21.5(1)c, *Code of Iowa*, to discuss matters presently in litigation.

Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in Regular Session at 9:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Diane Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor