

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

AMES, IOWA

MARCH 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor Campbell at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of March, 2015, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue. Present from the Ames City Council were Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Matthew Goodman, Chris Nelson, and Peter Orazem. *Ex officio* Member Lissandra Villa was also present.

It was announced by Mayor Campbell that the Council would be working from an Amended Agenda; a Closed Session had been added after Council Comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Campbell noted that Item No. 13 (preliminary plans and specifications for Valve Maintenance and Related Services/Supplies for the Power Plant) had been pulled from this Agenda by staff and will be placed on the March 24 Agenda.

Council Member Betcher requested that Item No. 7 (Greek Week 2015 Requests) be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

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 Regular Meeting of February 24, 2015
3. Motion approving renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits, and Liquor Licenses:
  - a. Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service – Coldwater Golf Links, 615 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street
  - b. Class E Liquor – Kum & Go #227, 2108 Isaac Newton Drive
  - c. Class E Liquor – Kum & Go #113, 2801 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street
  - d. Class A Liquor w/Outdoor Service – Elks Lodge #1626, 522 Douglas Avenue
  - e. Class C Beer & B Native Wine – Swift Stop #4, 1118 South Duff Avenue
  - f. Class C Beer and B Wine – Swift Stop #5, 3218 Orion Street
  - g. Special Class C Liquor – The Spice Thai Cuisine, 402 Main Street
  - h. Special Class C Liquor – Valentino’s, 823 Wheeler Street, #1
  - i. Class E Liquor, C Beer, and B Wine – Sam’s Club #6568, 305 Airport Road
4. Motion approving 5-day (March 10-15) Class C Liquor License for Olde Main Brewing Company at the ISU Alumni Center, 420 Beach Avenue
5. Motion approving 5-day (March 17-21) Class C Liquor License for Olde Main Brewing Company at the ISU Alumni Center, 420 Beach Avenue
6. Motion approving 8-month Class B Beer Permit & Outdoor Service for Homewood Golf Course, 401 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street
7. RESOLUTION NO. 15-115 approving appointments to City’s various boards and commissions
8. Corporate RESOLUTION NO. 15-116 designating authorization to conduct financial and banking business
9. RESOLUTION NO. 15-117 adopting Rental Housing Registration Fee Schedule to be effective April 1, 2015
10. RESOLUTION NO. 15-118 endorsing application to Iowa Department of Transportation to designate Jefferson Highway Heritage Byway as State Heritage Byway
11. RESOLUTION NO. 15-119 approving preliminary plans and specifications for 2014/2015 Right-of-Way Restoration Program; setting April 8, 2015, as bid due date and April 14, 2015, as the date of public hearing
12. Lease of Mowers for Park Maintenance:
  - a. RESOLUTION NO. 15-120 awarding contract to Turfwerks for two Jacobsen R311 11-foot-wide mowers at a cost of \$75,450 for three years

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 15-121 awarding contract to MTI for two Toro GM360 8-foot-wide mowers at a cost of \$53,613.18 for three years
- 13. RESOLUTION NO. 15-122 approving contract and bond for North Dakota Water Tower Removal Project
- 14. RESOLUTION NO. 15-123 approving contract and bond for River Valley Park Complex Irrigation Project
- 15. RESOLUTION NO. 15-124 approving contract and bond for Non-Asbestos Insulation and Related Services and Supplies
- 16. RESOLUTION NO. 15-125 approving Change Order No. 22 in the amount of \$103,641 with A&P/Samuels Group of Wausau, Wisconsin, for Library Expansion and Renovation
- 17. Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolutions/Motions declared adopted/approved unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a part of these Minutes.

**GREEK WEEK 2015 REQUESTS:** Council Member Betcher referenced the Council's previous directive that event organizers provide a written notification plan pertaining to street closures to the City prior to event approval.

Representing Greek Week 2015 were Luke Gosse, Logistics Coordinator, 201 Gray Avenue, Ames; and Chance Wiese, General Co-Chair, 201 Gray Avenue, Ames. Mr. Gosse advised that their plan had been part of the Special Events application. He further stated that letters had been sent to the South Campus residential community. In addition, Greek Week 2015 committee members will be going door-to-door to all houses in the area of the closures and e-mailing all the property managers. Two Greek Week representatives will also be placed at each barricade.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-113 approving closure of portions of Sunset Drive, Ash Avenue, Gray Avenue, Greeley Street, and Lynn Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-114 approving suspension of parking regulations for portions of Gray Avenue, Ash Avenue, Greeley Street, Pearson Avenue, Lynn Avenue, and Sunset Drive from 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** There being no one requesting to speak, the Mayor closed Public Forum.

**HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 BUDGET:** Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing. She closed same after no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Betcher, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-126 amending the budget for the current Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.  
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 2015/16 BUDGET:** The public hearing was opened by the Mayor. No one came forward to speak, and Mayor Campbell closed the hearing.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-127 approving the 2015/16 Budget.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

**HEARING ON GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSE AND REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,950,000:** The Mayor opened the public hearing and closed same after no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Gartin, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-128 approving the Loan Agreement.  
Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

**HEARING ON TURBINE CONTROL SYSTEM:** Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the hearing.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Betcher, to accept the report of bids and delay award of contract.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**HEARING ON INIS GROVE PARK SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT LIGHTING:** The Mayor opened the public hearing and closed same after no one requested to speak.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to accept the report of bids.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0 Motion declared carried unanimously.

**DEMAND SERVICE PLAN FOR HIRTA:** Assistant City Manager Melissa Mundt provided a summary of the discussions that had occurred during the process improvement project to identify and better understand issues and development improvements for door-to-door transportation services provided for the elderly, disabled, and the general public in Ames. One general public meeting and a series of four meetings with human service agencies and transportation providers had been held from November 2014 through January 2015. According to Ms. Mundt, the specific recommendations of this effort were twofold: (1) a Demand Response Service Action Plan and (2) a Communications Plan. Ms. Mundt described both Plans.

The Council was told that the Demand Response Service Action Plan identified 23 actions that the Task Force members recommend be taken to improve demand response service for human service agencies/organizations and their clients who utilize service within Story County. Ms. Mundt brought the Council's attention to the categories of improvement and four priority actions identified by the Task Force: (1) Community Partnerships, (2) Infrastructure Improvements, (3) Internal Modifications for HIRTA, (4) Partner Role Clarity; and (5) Service Improvement.

Ms. Mundt advised that, with the completion of the two Plans, the Demand Response Service Action Plan will be distributed to local funding agencies (Story County, City of Ames) and to the Transit Board of Trustees (CyRide) for possible future implementation considerations. The Plans will also be shared with the United Way's Transportation Collaboration Committee.

Pertaining to the Communication Plan, Ms. Mundt advised that to continue critical communication between human service agencies/organizations and transportation providers, the Task Force members recommended that the following actions be taken by the parties involved:

1. Establish a formal complaint process
2. Establish response time frames
3. Schedule quarterly meetings
4. Establish formal transportation liaison representatives within the human service agencies/organizations

Council Member Orazem asked if there were certain individuals whose needs were not being met or were there unmet needs by random individuals. Ms. Mundt advised that everyone who attended the forums expressed that they had needs that were not being met. Transit Director Sheri Kyras said she believed that there are different expectation levels among riders, human service agencies/organizations, and HIRTA.

Answering a question from Council Member Orazem, Ms. Kyras explained that the federal resources have not changed much on the demand response side. She again referenced that there are different expectations. Ms. Kyras noted that the four priority actions may require substantial increased financial resources, which may not be possible.

Ms. Kyras offered that increased collaboration needs to occur. She indicated that the Transit Board recently directed that another unscheduled bus be added to increase reliability for customers.

Ms. Mundt stated that the HIRTA Board will be discussing the Demand Response report on March 26, 2015.

**2014 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS USER SURVEY:** City Business Development Coordinator Tiffany Coleman presented the results of the City's 2014 Development Process Survey.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDHAND GOODS DEALERS:** Police Chief Chuck Cychosz recalled that, on December 16, 2014, the City Council had received a report outlining the shortcomings of the existing *Municipal Code* requirements for secondhand goods dealers in reporting their transactions. He advised that currently, the *Municipal Code* requires paper records for transactions conducted by pawnbrokers and itinerant dealers. Other businesses buying the same items have no such requirement to report their transactions or hold items prior to disposal. City staff has identified an effective electronic reporting system called Leads Online that could be used to replace the existing paper records system. Several local businesses already use that system, which has been used to successfully identify items stolen from Ames residents and sold to dealers out of the area.

During its meeting on December 16, 2014, the City Council had requested additional information on several issues. Chief Cychosz noted that those questions were answered in the Council Action Form.

Council Member Gartin acknowledged the e-mail received from Gary Youngberg, owner of Ames Silversmithing. Kirk Youngberg, 3113 Harrison, Ames, representing Ames Silversmithing, commented that numismatic coins are very distinguishable and more difficult

for thieves to sell. He believes that bullion coins should be exempted, instead of exempting numismatic coins, as they are very difficult to distinguish. Mr. Youngberg also told the Council that his father, Gary, continues to have concerns about the confidentiality of sellers.

At the inquiry of Council Member Goodman, Police Commander Geoff Huff advised that, since January 2015, the Ames Police Department has used information gathered from Leads Online to file charges in two felony cases with one conviction and one pending, an aggravated misdemeanor case, and an ongoing criminal conduct case.

Council Member Betcher questioned the waiting period. Kirk Youngberg explained that a ten-day waiting period would be detrimental to both the purchaser and the seller. Gold prices change, and if it were several days, that would pose a risk for them (the purchaser) as well as for the seller. Chief Cychosz explained that it sometimes takes owners some time before they even are aware that their property has been stolen. He noted that a uniform ten-day holding period would increase the likelihood of recovering stolen property.

Kirk Youngberg asked how trades would be handled. He explained that there are times when they give a store credit in exchange for the gold or jewelry. Chief Cychosz stated that staff had not studied that question. He believes that it would depend on the amount of gold or jewelry being brought in and under what circumstances. A problem could arise if a family member brought in jewelry to sell that another family member might have wanted to retain and didn't know that it was being sold.

At the inquiry of Council Member Goodman, Mr. Youngberg advised that the time to enter the information into a database was not really an issue.

Chief Cychosz pointed out that there is also the emotional aspect to consider; people care deeply about getting jewelry back after it was stolen. He believes that with coins and gold bars, it is all about the money.

Council Member Gartin said that he believed the issue was uniformity; it isn't so much that Ames does this, but that a network of agencies do it too. He pointed out that jewelry stolen in another community might be brought to Ames to sell.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance requiring electronic recordkeeping for dealers of secondhand goods, including all pawnbroker and itinerant dealer transactions, and purchases and sales of jewelry, precious metals, gemstones, and electronics, excluding coins purchased by a professional numismatist, with transactions under \$100 in total being exempt from reporting.

Council Member Goodman said his concern was with the resources of the Police Department. He tried to weigh that with the concerns of the businesses.

Council Member Nelson felt it might be a good idea to lessen the waiting period for bullion since it is often not identifiable and the price fluctuates, causing risk for the business (purchaser) and the seller.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to amend the motion to remove the ten-day holding period for bullion or silver bars or precious metals or however the Police Department would define it.

Chief Cychosz said staff would have to work on a definition and the boundaries.

Commander Huff asked the Council to revisit the dollar threshold. He pointed out that a stolen item is 100% profit for the thief. If each stolen piece was taken to a different place to sell, that \$100 threshold might not be reached and none of those transactions would be recorded.

Motion and amendment withdrawn.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Corrieri, to direct staff to prepare an ordinance requiring electronic recordkeeping for dealers of secondhand goods, including all pawnbroker and itinerant dealer transactions, and purchases and sales of jewelry, precious metals, gemstones, and electronics, excluding coins purchased by a professional numismatist, removing the holding period for bullion, and not entering a dollar threshold.

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

**FLOOD HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF 1204 S. 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET (RIVERSIDE MANOR):**

Council Member Gartin indicated that he had a conflict of interest on this issue; therefore, would not be participating in the discussion or voting if a vote would be taken.

Planning and Housing Director Kelly Diekmann said that, at its December 9, 2014, the City Council had deferred action on a Minor Final Plat for a proposed two-lot subdivision at 1204 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which is the proposed site of Prairie Village Subdivision located at Riverside Manor. The Council requested that staff ask for a third-party evaluation of the hydraulic effects of the proposed project on the Oak-Riverside Neighborhood north of the site and to explore what level of oversight would be needed to ensure that the project would be built as approved. On January 13, 2015, staff presented to Council a report evaluating the impacts of a 100-year flood event to the Oak-Riverside Neighborhood. The impacts were calculated to increase the water surface level of a 100-year flood between 0.02 and 0.07 of a foot. The Council then requested a flood study to model the impacts of a 500-year event. With that direction, the City, at its own cost, contracted with HDR to complete the new analysis.

Mr. Diekmann summarized the report. The proposed grading and fill at Riverside Manor would result in an expected increase in the water surface level of a 500-year flood of between 0.08 and 0.22 of a foot at the same four locations noted in the January report. The modeling indicated that the greatest increase in water surface level would be approximately 0.61 foot in the area near the existing eastern entrance to Riverside Manor. Mr. Diekmann indicated that the modeling does really depict where water would go. Council Member Goodman clarified that, with the project, in the event of a 100-year flood, the water surface level would be changed by approximately 0.1 (of a foot) whereas a 500-year flood would change it 0.6 (of a foot).

According to Director Diekmann, if there were no objections to HDR's report, the Prairie Village Subdivision Final Plat will be placed on the March 24, 2015, City Council meeting agenda.

Council Member Goodman said that no matter what happens with this project, the Council needs to be paying more attention to developments in the floodway fringe that are close to existing residential development when fill is being brought in.

**2015/16 PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM:** Vanessa Baker-Latimer, Housing Coordinator, reported on the input received during the public forum held on February 24 and 25, 2015, regarding possible projects for consideration for the 2015/16 CDBG Annual Action Plan. A total of eight persons attended and participated in the discussions. The overall feedback continued to center around the lack of and need for more affordable housing for low-income households in the areas of rental, shelters, transitional, and homeownership units. There was an overall consensus that the 2014/15 Action Plan activities will begin to address the needs; however, more needs to be done.

Ms. Baker-Latimer reported that staff was recommending that the City continue with the projects adopted in the 2014/15 Action Plan, as follows:

1. Acquisition/Reuse for Affordable Housing (Budget: \$600,000):
  - a. Purchase of Vacant In-Fill Lots for Development
  - b. Purchase of Foreclosure Properties for Rehabilitation
2. Operation and Repairs for Foreclosed Properties (Budget: \$65,000)
3. Housing Improvement Rehabilitation Programs (Budget: \$202,438):
  - a. Single-Family Homeowners
  - b. Rental Property Owners
4. Homebuyer Assistance for First-Time Homebuyers (Budget: \$50,000)
5. Renter Affordability Programs (Budget: \$60,000):
  - a. Deposit and First-Month's Rent
  - b. Transportation Assistance
6. Public Facilities Improvement Program (Budget: \$110,000)

Ms. Vanessa Baker-Latimer presented staff's rationale for making that recommendation. She advised that the City was notified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that its 2015/16 CDBG allocation will be \$484,294, which is approximately \$3,900 less than the 2014/15 allocation. Of that amount, approximately \$387,438 is available for programming, not including the 2014/15 Program rollover. According to Ms. Baker-Latimer, she is cautiously anticipating that the rollover amount will be approximately \$700,000.

Director Diekmann noted that there are no infrastructure projects included on the list of possible projects. If Project 1 does not come to fruition, there is no back-up project. If a back-up project were to be added, the Plan would have to be amended; that would take additional time. Ms. Baker-Latimer commented that the Rehabilitation Programs also take some time.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Goodman, to direct staff to continue with all of the 2014/15 Annual Action Plan Program projects for 2015/16 and proposed budget in connection with the

City's CDBG Program for the six projects listed above.  
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

**UNIVERSITY AVENUE AND AIRPORT ROAD ROUNDABOUT:** Civil Engineer Eric Cowles provided the background as to the events that led up to where the project is today. He reported that staff had originally held a project information meeting attended by approximately 20 individuals representing area businesses, property owners, and residents on January 15, 2015, to discuss the project and receive input on the project concept. At that meeting, members of the Ames Bicycle Coalition (ABC) expressed concerns regarding speed, layout, and both bike/pedestrian and bike/vehicle interaction. There was also discussion about incorporating additional facilities not specifically related to the project, which included extending on-street bike facilities east on Airport Road from University and north on University from Airport Road, adding a shared use path connection west along Oakwood Road to State Avenue, and paving the current gravel path from Airport Road north to Grand Avenue. Mr. Cowles stated that staff had exchanged emails with multiple ABC members, after which ABC asked the project team to hold a separate meeting with them to hear their project concerns in more detail and to discuss ideas and options as to what alternatives might be implemented. Mr. Cowles described the design changes that had been made to the initial concept as a result of the input received from the ABC. He noted that, at the February 24, 2015, meeting, the City Council had requested additional information related to meetings, comments, and discussions with the ABC regarding its requests for the University Avenue and Airport Road roundabout, which is what staff would be sharing at this meeting.

Mr. Cowles specifically addressed the issue of speed through the roundabout. The posted speed would be 15 miles-per-hour (mph) for vehicles, and vehicles would have to yield to bicyclists and pedestrians at all times. To address concerns over speed, the "splitter island" has been extended. An island called a refuge has also been added to the design. Mr. Cowles also stated that the points of conflict for bicyclists and pedestrians have been reduced with the new concept.

The Council was told by Mr. Cowles that as part of the scope, the design team submitted the roundabout design to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) for national peer review (by the "experts of the experts"); very few comments were received. Adding the splitter island was one of the recommendations made as a result of that peer review.

Mr. Cowles noted that additional public informational meetings will be held within the next two to three weeks. Staff will also meet with Workiva individually.

Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer said a typical question is what type of facility is the right facility and in what corridor. He noted that, on March 31, 2015, a Council workshop will be held on the Long-Range Transportation Plan, which incorporates all modes of traffic. At the meeting on March 31, the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization will have an opportunity to provide recommendations to the City of Ames as to how it wants to support regional goals and if there is financial sustainability to support them long term. Mr. Pregitzer also alluded to the tight schedule and accelerated time line for the project as it is connected to other projects in the area and the Long-Term Transportation Plan.



Mr. Cowles commented that the main point of the ABC's requests was to have separate off-street, bike-only facilities in this area to accommodate commuters and other cyclists. The concept proposed by the ABC is called a "cycle track," and would be somewhat similar to what is currently utilized on the west side of Ash Avenue next to the Cyclone Sports Complex. The ABC justified its request by stating that it is very common for cyclists to be going 20-25 mph or faster on the University Avenue route. Mr. Cowles described the issues that must be weighed if cycle tracks were added.

In addition, Mr. Cowles also noted that staff is on a tight time frame, and if the cycle track option would be added, it would take at least an additional month. Currently, staff is planning on a bid letting in April 2015. Cost is another issue. Just for the paving alone on a corridor-wide cycle track option (which is staff's recommendation to make it a viable transportation solution) from University Avenue/Airport Road to the Hub Building, it would cost approximately \$320,000. To extend it to where CyRide drops off near Wessex, it would cost approximately \$250,000 (with right-of-way acquisition). To include the cycle track option all the way to the Hub Building would cost an estimated \$500,000. Having cycle tracks around the roundabout area and tie in south of Airport Road would cost approximately \$125,000 to \$130,000. Mr. Cowles noted that project itself is already under-funded; to include cycle tracks would be an additional financial burden. Mr. Pregitzer pointed out that connectivity is another issue. It cannot be determined at this time as to what the cycle tracks would be connected.

Council Member Gartin offered that safety needs to be one of the factors that drives the design of the roundabout. He asked if there was a measurable safety factor that would warrant consideration of the ABC's proposal. Mr. Cowles stated that the roundabout itself will make the intersection safer than it is today. Mr. Pregitzer added that the entire reason that the staff asked for the IDOT review was for safety.

Mr. Cowles reported that, after extensive discussions with the ABC representatives and further exploration with the design consultant, staff does not believe the use of cycle tracks is advisable. Staff's reasoning was explained in detail. In summary, it is due to cost constraints and the potential to negatively affect progress on Phase III of the Research Park. It was noted that if the City Council/MPO Policy Committee determines that cycle tracks are desirable during development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, that location could be prioritized for adaptation at a later time.

Council Member Goodman asked if it were just time and money why the ABC proposal cannot be considered. Mr. Cowles acknowledged that time and money were two issues; however, cycle tracks do not exist anywhere else in the City, and there are no plans to include those in the future. In addition, the easement area needs to be much larger in order to accommodate cycle tracks. That could result in another cost impact, as it is unknown how much the property owner will want in compensation.

Council Member Orazem said that, in looking at the design, he could not see that the cycle tracks would be safer. There is no 100% safety guarantee no matter what is done; however, that was the reason for the design review by the roundabout experts. Mr. Orazem asked if, with the cycle track option, there would still have to be a separate place for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Cowles stated that was true.

Dan DeGeest, 4212 Phoenix Street, Ames, on behalf of the Ames Bicycle Coalition, presented several concerns that the ABC has with the University/Airport Road Roundabout. One concern is that bicyclists normally would travel along the right side of vehicular traffic; however, with the current design, bicyclists would have to cross two lanes of vehicular traffic traveling at speeds up to 40 to 45 mph. Mr. DeGeest showed the ABC's recommended design, which included protected bikeways. Referencing the cost estimates, he pointed out that there is a lot of variability in the costs based on the treatment, e.g., pavement, bollards, paint. It was alleged by Mr. DeGeest that cycling at the roundabout intersection is not viable in its current design; it is designed for 1% of the population who would feel safe, and the rest of the population would seek other ways. He also stated his belief that this roundabout will set a precedent for future ones. According to Mr. DeGeest, the user/public feedback process was too short. The ABC recommendation is for Council to direct staff to spend more time on a design for the protected bike path concept, traffic calming, directional striping, and wayfinding to make it safe for cyclists of all skill levels to get to, through, and beyond the roundabout.

Council Member Gartin commented that he is having difficulty understanding why the City is considering a roundabout at the University/Airport Road intersection. He prefers dedicated bike lanes with stop lights.

Trevin Ward, 2610 Northridge Parkway, #201, Ames, said that he was speaking from a cyclist's perspective. He believes that roundabouts are actually a very safe traffic device for bikes; that is why they are used in heavy-traffic areas. He is concerned, however, that there is no intuitive way for bicyclists to know where they are supposed to go when they have to cross two lanes of traffic. According to Mr. Ward, research has indicated that nine percent (9%) of the population travels by bicycle, and investment in dedicated infrastructure would increase that percentage.

Mr. Pregitzer noted that some of the things that are not shown on the conceptual design include all the signs and markings. He believes that those would definitely add to the safety aspect.

Mr. Cowles addressed the suggestion of Council Member Orazem to move the roundabout farther to the east. The challenges include the amount of fill that would need to be brought in to reach the level of slope needed and the possibility of a retaining wall, which would mean additional cost. The possibility of retrofitting a multi-use path/sidewalk for pedestrian use was discussed.

Council Member Goodman would like staff to see if the City could get easements; that is an unknown. He believes it would make it much more safe. Mr. Cowles pointed out that that is not in design team's scope of services, so it would mean additional fees. He believes that it would be land acquisition, not an easement. Mr. Goodman said it would not hinder the conversation for staff to see if the City could make the acquisitions.

Council Member Corrieri said she was uncomfortable because the community has not had a larger conversation as to what type of community it wants to be, e.g., pedestrian, cycling, traffic. She felt it would be valuable to have that conversation, rather than doing this piecemeal.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Orazem, to request staff in their current process to have additional conversation with property owners and the design consultants about possible land acquisition to accommodate cycle tracks.

Mr. Goodman clarified that he wanted to ensure that, if the Council determines that it wants to expand this facility and there was an opportunity to acquire land around the intersection, it wasn't precluded from happening just because no one checked. However, if there are impediments to that, it would be good to know that now.

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

**NEW WATER PLANT - CONTRACT 1:** John Dunn, Director of Water and Pollution Control, advised that this project would extend the piping from old Water Plant site to the new Water Plant site. Mr. Dunn informed the Council that there were five bids to be considered. Staff has had no previous experience working with the apparent low bidder, S. M. Hentges & Sons, Inc., of Jordan, Minnesota. Prior to making a recommendation, staff very carefully checked references from multiple prior municipal utilities.

Moved by Orazem, seconded by Goodman, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-129 awarding a contract to S. M. Hentges & Sons of Jordan, Minnesota, for New Water Plant - Contract 1 in the amount of \$3,197,273.15.

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

**NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION FORGIVABLE LOAN AGREEMENT:** Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Betcher, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-130 approving NewLink Genetics Corporation request for extension of employment requirements for forgivable loan agreement.

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

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BARILLA AMERICA, INC.:** Moved by Orazem, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-131 approving a contract for economic development assistance with Barilla America, Inc., and the Iowa Economic Development Authority with local match to be limited to Industrial Property Tax Abatement.

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

Moved by Orazem, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-132 approving Industrial Property Tax Abatement for reconstruction under the project.

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

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM VETMEDICA, INC. (BIVI):** Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Nelson, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-133 approving an Iowa Economic Development Authority High-Quality Jobs Program Contract for financial assistance for Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. (BIVI).

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

**FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTIONS:** Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Gartin, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-134 pertaining to Iowa State University Research Park infrastructure improvements and Airport Terminal projects.

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

**LITTERING ORDINANCE:** Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Goodman, to pass on second reading an ordinance pertaining to littering.

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

**REZONING 710 SOUTH DUFF AVENUE:** Moved by Betcher, seconded by Goodman, to pass on second reading an rezoning property at 710 South Duff Avenue from Agricultural (A) to Highway-Oriented Commercial (HOC).

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

**2014 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE:** Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Nelson, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 4210 pertaining to adoption of 2014 National Electric Code, with local edits.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Moved by Gartin, seconded by Corrieri, to refer to staff the letter from Chuck Winkleblack dated February 27, 2015, requesting a solution for a possible project/overlay zone for 3505 and 3515 West Lincoln Way.

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

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Goodman, to place on a future Agenda changing the start time for City Council meetings.

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

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

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Nelson, to hold a Closed Session, as provided by Section 21.5c, *Code of Iowa*.

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

The meeting reconvened in Regular Session at 11:06 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Orazem to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor