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Legal Department

To: Mayor Campbell and Members of the City Council

From: Judy Parks, City Attorney

Date: June 4, 2015

Subject: Council meeting time ordinance revision

You may recall that the start time for your regular meetings was recently discussed and the Council acted to move the time up from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This new start time has been experienced now for a couple of meetings and seems to be working well.

The 7:00 p.m. start time for regular meetings of the Council is actually codified in the Municipal Code at Section 2.14. That section authorizes the Council to set alternative meeting times at a prior meeting, which you have done in moving the meetings to 6:00 p.m.. However, since the new time is being implemented on an on-going basis, it is appropriate to revise the code section accordingly to reflect this.

A proposed ordinance to adopt the meeting time change is before you for first reading and I would request your favorable consideration of it.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY REPEALING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.14 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.14 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE START TIME OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS; REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by enacting a new Section 2.14 as follows:

“Sec. 2.14. REGULAR MEETINGS.

Regular meetings of the city council will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. except when the council shall, by motion at a prior meeting, set an alternative date or time, or cancel a meeting, or decide to hold additional meetings during a month; or when in the discretion of the Mayor, in consultation with the City Manager, it is determined that an additional meeting is needed, or when an alternative start time for a scheduled meeting is necessary, to accommodate the agenda.”

Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this _____ day of _____, _____.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor