

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

AMES, IOWA

JULY 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor Ann Campbell at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2007, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue. Present from the Ames City Council were Doll, Goodman, Mahayni, Popken, and Rice. *Ex officio* Member Luttrell was also present. Council Member Larson was absent.

“LISTEN SYSTEM” DEVICES: Public Relations Officer Susan Gwiasda gave a demonstration of the new “Listen System” devices for the hearing-impaired that are available for use in the City Council Chambers. Ms. Gwiasda advised that the devices are available for check-out in the Channel 12 Studio.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Rice, seconded by Popken, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Motion approving payment of claims
2. Motion approving minutes of regular meeting of June 26, 2007
3. Motion approving renewal of the following liquor licenses:
 - a. Class C Liquor – Applebee’s Neighborhood Grille, 105 Chestnut Street
 - b. Class C Liquor & Outdoor Service Privilege – Fox I Lounge, 111 South 5th Street
 - c. Class B Beer – Panchero’s Mexican Grill, 1310 South Duff Avenue
4. Motion approving certification of civil service applicants
5. RESOLUTION NO. 07-322 approving Bid Awards and Purchases, \$25,000-\$50,000, for the period June 16-30, 2007
6. Requests for Downtown Dollar Days, July 26-28, 2007:
 - a. Motion approving blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit for sidewalks in the CBD
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 07-323 approving suspension of parking regulations and enforcement in the CBD
7. RESOLUTION NO. 07-324 approving submittal of application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for CEBA funds for development assistance on behalf of Phasient Learning Technologies, LLC
8. RESOLUTION NO. 07-325 approving agreement with Lightedge Internet Service to provide Internet service for the City at a cost of \$1,102.20/month
9. RESOLUTION NO. 07-326 approving revision to purchase agreement with Habitat for Humanity for property located at 1508 Carroll Avenue
10. RESOLUTION NO. 07-327 approving waiver of formal bidding requirements and authorizing purchase of software maintenance from Sungard/HTE for joint public safety network
11. RESOLUTION NO. 07-328 approving waiver of formal bidding requirements and authorizing purchase of software maintenance from Sungard/HTE for Information Services
12. RESOLUTION NO. 07-329 approving preliminary plans and specifications for Power Plant Elevator Replacement Project; setting August 15, 2007, as bid due date and August 28, 2007, as date of public hearing
13. RESOLUTION NO. 07-330 approving Change Order for Water Supply Aquifer Capacity Study
14. RESOLUTION NO. 07-331 approving contract and bond for Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Painting Project
15. RESOLUTION NO. 07-332 approving contract and bond for Water Pollution Control Facility Clarifier Painting Project
16. RESOLUTION NO. 07-333 approving contract and bond for 2007/08 Neighborhood Curb Replacement Program (North Riverside Drive)
17. RESOLUTION NO. 07-334 approving contract and bond for 2006/07 & 2007/08 Asphalt Resurfacing Program and 2006/07 & 2007/08 Seal Coat Removal/Asphalt Reconstruction Program
18. RESOLUTION NO. 07-335 accepting completion of Electric Services Power Plant Green Space Project
19. RESOLUTION NO. 07-336 accepting completion of Unit No. 7 Condenser Tubes Replacement Project

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolutions declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Brian Vandewater, 1217 Grand Avenue, Ames, indicated that most of the responses to questions posed by affected property owners to City staff about the 13th & Grand Intersection Improvements had been vague and raised even more questions. He cited one question, which he felt had not been adequately answered by staff, i.e., “Where are the data from improvements done at 13th and Duff, Grand and Lincoln Way, and Duff and Lincoln Way?”. Mr. Vandewater said that staff had answered that studies of that nature are very labor-intensive and reserved for testing of experimental designs and also that “before-and-after” analysis requires three to five years of data after construction. He feels that citizens don’t need that length of time to determine that, even though millions of tax dollars were spent on those intersections, the City merely traded one “F” rating for a more costly “F” rating. According to Mr. Vandewater, the traffic flow and wait times at those intersections are far worse than those at 13th and Grand. He also questioned why the City would wait three to five years to know if a plan were successful. It is his belief that the City is trying to hide the fact that the improvements failed to improve traffic flow during peak times. Mr. Vandewater alluded to a radio interview of City Manager Steve Schainker in which he stated that the City’s goal is to take 25% of the traffic off the Duff and Lincoln Way intersection and divert it to Grand Avenue. That statement, according to Mr. Vandewater means that the Duff/Lincoln Way intersection improvements have failed, and they are trying to move the problem to Grand Avenue. In their petition drive, the affected residents often heard that the “mess on Duff” should be fixed, and Mr. Vandewater believes that the Duff Avenue railroad crossing should be fixed instead of “dumping its overflow into other intersections.” He urged the City Council to consider alternating the traffic lights at 13th and Grand, rather than demolish homes “for a problem that exists on Duff and the railroad tracks.”

Dolly McFarland, 625-13th Street, Ames, expressed her dismay that City staff is not listening to the affected residents’ ideas on how to improve traffic flow at 13th and Grand. She feels that is because out-of-town consultants have been hired who have no stake in the matter “to analyze and correct the problem on their computer and get paid for their professional ideas.” Ms. McFarland pointed out that the ideas from the affected residents are free. Referencing comments made by the City Manager that the City is receiving phone calls from drivers wondering why they had to wait at a red light on Grand when there was no traffic on 13th Street, Ms. McFarland said it appears that is caused by a problem with the timing of the traffic signals, not with the number of lanes. Ms. McFarland pointed out that if the City is going to leave only 20 feet for front yards for the affected residents, all of those homes will be considered non-conforming according to City Code. She wondered how those property owners would ever be able to sell their homes because 25-foot front-yard setbacks are required. Ms. McFarland recommended that the City put in street light sensors, put turn arrows on 13th Street, time the lights, put traffic lights at 16th Street and synchronize those with the lights on Grand, improve other intersections to help take traffic off of 13th and Grand, e.g., an overpass or underpass on Duff at the railroad crossing; and/or extend Bloomington Road or Riverside to the Interstate at E-29 to make a third access for new development in Northwest Ames. She urged the City Council to listen to the residents who are trying to convince the City to consider other options besides constructing turning lanes.

Rob White, 1212 Grand Avenue, Ames, advised that he and his family had lived at that site for 22 years. Mr. White asked for the City Council to consider “what the community at large is saying” and reverse its decision on the 13th and Grand Intersection Improvements Project. He said that residents of his neighborhood have been asking for the support of Ames residents in the form of a petition. According to Mr. White, people are not only eager to sign, but adamant in their opposition to the project. He pointed out that neither he nor his neighbors are political activists, but urged the City Council to listen to what the “community at large” is saying.

Kim Burnett, 703-12th Street, Ames, said that she represented a group of 30 residents of the area of 13th and Grand. Ms. Burnett advised that she had been called by an employee of the Federal Highway Administration, who told her that affected residents should have been given three Iowa

Department of Transportation (IDOT) booklets: *Highways and Your Land*, *Relocation Assistance and Advisory Services*, and *Office of Right of Way Acquisition Manual*. Ms. Burnett stated that they had not received any such information, however, she obtained them from the IDOT and distributed same to her neighbors. She expressed concerns that the City's Traffic Engineer had said that they were told not to give the booklets out, but two days later, one booklet appeared on the City's website. This made Ms. Burnett wonder what other information had not been provided. Another concern expressed by Ms. Burnett was that there are elderly residents in the affected neighborhood who do not use computers. She suggested that, in the future, the City provide all information to all residents in an easy-to-use format.

Lynn Burnett, 703-12th Street, Ames, respectfully requested a copy of each completed application and all supporting materials on the date each is submitted for funding of the project to widen and reconfigure the intersection at 13th and Grand. In particular, he named the IDOT Traffic Safety Improvement Fund, the Iowa Clean Air Containment Program, and IDOT USTEP Fund.

Gail White, 1212 Grand, Ames, advised that her neighborhood had organized a petition opposing the plan to widen and reconfigure the intersection of 13th Street and Grand Avenue, and they have been overwhelmed by the support of Ames citizens. Ms. White presented, for the record, a petition containing 1,168 signatures of persons opposing the project. Ms. White noted that the petition included the signatures of two Story County Supervisors and of residents living in every neighborhood in North Ames. It was Ms. White's feeling that anyone who uses the intersection had the right to sign the petition.

Nathan Saetveit, 1112 Grand Avenue, Ames, voiced his support for the proposed changes to the intersection at 13th Street and Grand Avenue. He said that he finds it very regrettable that some people will be forced to relocate; however, it is good that the City Council recognizes that the intersection in question is a bottleneck and a serious problem. Mr. Saetveit applauded the City Council's decision and looks forward to the changes.

Also speaking about the 13th and Grand Intersection Improvement Project, Susie Petra, 2011 Duff, Ames, said that it strikes her as hubris to assume that a two-minute delay is much more valuable than citizens' homes and properties in the affected neighborhood. She believes that alternatives exist and urged the City Council to take them into consideration.

Mayor Campbell asked City Manager Steve Schainker to give a timeline for the 13th and Grand Project. Mr. Schainker reminded the City Council that, at a previous meeting, it had directed the consultant to look into the impacts on property owners as it relates to Option No. 1. Public Works Director John Joiner stated that those findings will be presented at a public meeting to be held on July 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The findings and comments received at the public meeting will be shared at the City Council's meeting of July 24. Applications for state and federal funding will also be on the City Council's July 24 Agenda for approval. Options and alternatives considered since the Council's June 26, 2007, meeting will be presented at both meetings.

REPORT ON OPTIONS/COSTS FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT MINNESOTA AVENUE AND ONTARIO STREET: Public Works Director John Joiner reminded the Council that they had referred a letter, at their meeting of June 26, 2007, from Brian Cassaidy of 3200 Kingman Road, Ames, and other concerned parents about the safety of pedestrians traveling north/south across Ontario Street near Minnesota Avenue. Staff was then directed to explore the feasibility of establishing a signalized pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Joiner stated that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which is the national standard for all traffic control devices, outlines the criteria that must be followed prior to installation of a signalized crossing. There are two signal warrants that apply in this situation: Pedestrian Volume and School Crossing.

Mr. Joiner said that the exact number of students living in the neighborhoods north of Ontario Street is unknown; there is no recent data. He stated that a traffic engineering study for this location could be conducted while school is in session in order to accurately depict the typical volume and frequency of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in this area. Staff spoke with the Building Manager for the ISU Applied Sciences Complex regarding the number of students, faculty, and staff that might walk or bike to class or work. The Building Manager indicated that of the 25-50 potential students and 25-30 staff and faculty members, only three to four individuals have been observed walking or bicycling to the Complex during the fall or spring semester; most either drive or utilize a free shuttle service from the main ISU Campus.

In an effort to address the concerns, Mr. Joiner offered the following alternatives:

1. Install a crossing signal at Minnesota. The construction of a signalized pedestrian crossing would cost approximately \$40,000.
2. Pavement markings and advanced warning signs. Two specific locations are being considered: Wisconsin/Ontario and Minnesota/Ontario. It was noted that a receiving pedestrian ramp would be required on the south side of Ontario Street, and a small section of the existing eight-foot sidewalk would need to be removed in order for the ramp to be installed.
3. Crossing guard. This option would place a crossing guard at one location, either at Wisconsin/Ontario or Minnesota/Ontario. The cost would be approximately \$2,837/year for a standard 180-day school year. Prior to hiring a crossing guard, however, more data should be acquired to assess the actual need at this location. This data could be collected during the same traffic study conducted for a pedestrian crossing signal warrant analysis.
4. Sidewalk along ISU farm property. This alternative would be to establish a sidewalk along the north side of Ontario Street, west of Scholl. This improvement would construct over 1,600 feet of four-foot sidewalk, creating a continuous pedestrian walkway along the north side of Ontario Street from Hyland Avenue to the west corporate limits of Ames, at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The City and ISU would need to work jointly on this option since the sidewalk would be on ISU property.

The Council was advised by Mr. Joiner that regardless of which option is chosen, staff recommends that a four-foot sidewalk be constructed along the east side of Minnesota from the southern edge of the bridge to Ontario Street. The cost of this improvement would be approximately \$13,000, and funds from savings on the previous year's Sidewalk Safety Program could be used.

Mayor Campbell pointed out that the Council Action Form indicated certain criteria must be followed prior to the installation of a crossing signal. Traffic Engineer Damion Pregitzer advised that, according to MUTCD, before a traffic control signal is installed, "...consideration shall be given to the implementation of other remedial measures, such as warning signs and flashers, school speed zones, school crossing guards, or a grade-separated crossing.". He said that in order to install a pedestrian crossing signal, a study must be done and the results of the study must support it. The Mayor said that installing the pedestrian signal at this point is not an option since a study has not been completed.

Referencing the Safe Routes to School crossing locations, Council Member Rice said that he did not think students wanting to cross Ontario from Minnesota would go a half block east to Wisconsin and then cross Ontario. He believes people are going to cross at Minnesota even if there is a crossing guard at Wisconsin.

Council Member Mahayni cited a concern expressed in an email from Brian Cassaidy pertaining to the additional hazard created when the CyRide bus stop is located on Minnesota near the intersection with Ontario. The children cannot see around the bus as they are trying to cross the road and traffic goes around the bus. Mr. Mahayni suggested that the bus stop be moved from Minnesota, perhaps to Wisconsin or Scott Circle.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Rice, to direct staff to install a sidewalk on the east side of Minnesota, create a crossing at Minnesota, and assign a crossing guard there in the interim while the analysis (to determine if a pedestrian crossing signal is warranted) is being performed.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

HUNZIKER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX PAVING PROJECT: Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Rice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-337 approving preliminary plans and specifications for the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex Paving Project; setting August 8, 2007, as bid due date and August 14, 2007, as date of public hearing.

City Manager Schainker advised that costs have increased since the City Council initially acted on this project, and paving the access road only now has an estimated cost of \$251,000. To complete the access road paving only, it appears that an additional \$56,000 will be needed. If the City Council approves this project, Mr. Schainker advised that staff will attempt to identify funding sources from savings in other Local Option Tax projects for the additional \$56,000 by the time bids are taken.

City Manager Schainker recalled that the City Council amended its 2006/07 budget and allocated \$195,000 from the General Fund for paving the access road. If there were any monies remaining from that \$195,000 allocation, Council directed that they be used towards paving the parking lots. The total estimated cost for improving Parking Lots A, B, and C is \$184,445. The Council was reminded by Mr. Schainker that the variance granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which has had two extensions, required that the parking lots in the Complex be paved by October 2008. This paving project, therefore, will not satisfy that requirement. Council Member Rice asked where the hard-surfacing standard comes from for parking lots. Mr. Joiner replied that it is contained in the City's Zoning Ordinance. City Manager Schainker stated that a lot of community debate occurred on paved versus gravel parking in commercial, residential, and industrial areas to ensure that those areas were well maintained, and the Council make a very conscious decision at that time to set the standards for aesthetics and quality. He said he would not advocate to change those standards. Council Member Rice said that perhaps the standards could be changed only for the HYSC because there is only one such establishment; it is unique.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

REQUESTS FOR POWER OF THE PEOPLE RALLY ON AUGUST 10, 2007: City Manager Schainker advised that because of the unusual nature of this request, it was difficult for staff to offer a recommendation. Staff does not recall a time when City streets were blocked, permit fees were waived, or a loss in parking meter revenue was incurred to accommodate an event designed to support the presidential candidacy of a particular individual. Mr. Schainker pointed out that the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD), a non-political entity, is supporting this event, and it is believed that the planned street dance will create positive energy in the community and promote Downtown businesses. Staff does see this event as potentially benefitting the Downtown, but believes that no fees should be waived and the event organizers should pay for the electricity. Mr. Schainker said that, if the City Council is uncomfortable with the precedent that approval of this event would set, it should deny approval of the requests.

Assistant City Manager Sheila Lundt stated that event organizers have agreed to pay the cost of police officers, who may be necessary for security purposes, depending on the number of attendees. It is difficult to estimate how many people will attend this event in light of the straw poll being held the next day in Ames. The number of officers needed would be based on the size of the crowd.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney to comment on setting a precedent of closing streets for such events. City Attorney Doug Marek said that he could not speculate as to what other groups might make similar requests, but advised that it would be inappropriate for the City Council to base its decision whether or not to approve such requests on the content of the message being conveyed by the group.

Allyson Walter, Interim Director of the Main Street Cultural District, advised that the event organizers have become paying members of the MSCD. The event organizers have stressed to her that they are not planning this as a political rally, but rather, more of a community event. They want to create a festive event Downtown to support the community. She advised that there was a vote of support for this event from the MSCD's general membership. Ms. Walter said it is the vision of the MSCD to have these types of events in Downtown Ames, and they felt honored that the organizers would choose this area for an event of this magnitude.

Council Member Rice recommended that the street closure be Clark to Douglas, instead of Clark to Duff, so as to leave some means of access open. Ms. Walter felt that it should work, but there is no way of knowing at this time how many people will be attending. She said she has no frame of reference for this type of event. Ms. Walter advised that the organizers see this as a family-friendly activity.

Council Member Goodman advised that he does not want to see the City close streets weekly because it is more cost-efficient to get "free space" in the center of the City for publicity than to rent other locations. Mr. Goodman indicated that, because MSCD is endorsing this event, he would vote in favor of the street closures.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to approve a Blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit for sidewalks in the Central Business District.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to approve a Blanket Vending License for the Central Business District.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-338 approving closure of Main Street, from Clark Avenue to Duff Avenue, from 2 PM until Midnight; and closure of Burnett Avenue, from Main Street to 5th Street, from 2 PM until Midnight, and requiring the event organizers to pay the costs of police security, if needed; parking, electricity, and the Vending License fee.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

STREETS OF NORTH GRAND SUBDIVISION: Planner Seana Perkins briefly described the components of the Final Plat. She distributed copies of the Developer's Agreement, which had not been available prior to this meeting. Ms. Perkins advised that all required Final Plat documents had now been received with the exception of the original Performance Bond for the private improvements. The attorney for the developers has stated that the Bond has been sent to the City, via FedEx, and is due to be received tomorrow (July 11, 2007). Ms. Perkins said that it was staff's recommendation for the City Council to approve the Final Plat, with the stipulation that the Resolution would not be executed until the Performance Bond for the private improvements has been received and approved by the City. Attorney Marek further explained

that it is the City's policy to have the improvement security in hand prior to the Final Plat being presented for approval. He advised that the revised estimate for the parking lot improvements had been made as late as 6:00 p.m. last Friday and the amount of needed security changed. The City has received a faxed copy of the signed security document, but the original has not yet arrived.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Rice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-339 approving the Developer's Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Rice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-340 approving the Major Final Plat, subject to the City's receipt of acceptable security for the private improvements. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Council Member Rice asked to know when the improvements will be made. Patrick Burke, attorney for the developers, advised that neither he nor the developers have a time line for commencement of improvements at this time. The developers will now be attempting to sign tenants to offset the costs of the improvements, and the actions taken by the City Council at this meeting move them one step closer.

PROPOSED LEASE WITH IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU) FOR PROPERTY ON 13TH STREET (AQUATIC CENTER SITE): City Manager Schainker pointed out that the bond referendum for the aquatic center is July 24, which is prior to the time that the City may secure any rights to construct improvements on the property owned by Iowa State University. The earliest time that the City may obtain approval from the Board of Regents is in early August; however, staff and ISU representatives have negotiated a mutually acceptable lease agreement. Mr. Schainker reviewed the lease agreement in detail. He wanted to ensure that the public sees the position of City staff and ISU Administration before the vote is taken on the bond issue. Mr. Schainker emphasized that the total site is smaller than originally planned as the University wants to retain the "Pine Grove" area, which comprises approximately ten acres. The site to be leased to the City would be 45 acres in size now. City Manager Schainker added that in Paragraph 2 of the Lease Agreement, it states that if the University decides at some future point that they do not want to retain that area, the City will willingly add those acres to the park and assume the maintenance. He does not believe that the University would have taken this position if it felt that that area was integral to the operations of the aquatic center or any of the environmental issues. Also, he pointed out that the lease agreement will be valid for 50 years; that is the length of time preferred by the Board of Regents.

City Manager Schainker pointed out that the City would not be charged any fee for the use of this land. He drew the Council's attention to Paragraph 4 of the Lease Agreement, which included three "promises" made by the City for use of the land for 50 years free-of-charge. One of those "promises" was to offer an entry fee to registered University students that would be half-way between the rates offered by the City for resident youth and resident adults. That fee would be valid unless the City discontinues offering a discounted rate for youth. The second one was to allow ISU the use of the leased area for recreation, research activities, and outdoor teaching laboratories as long as the area is not being used by the City of Ames School District, is not interfering with other scheduled events, and is not harming the condition of the recreation fields. For any usage of the recreation fields for anything other than drop-in activity, the University would have to obtain prior approval from the City. Lastly, the City will install the entryway improvements (as determined by the City) necessary for access to the leased site. These would include, but not be limited to, traffic control devices and turning lanes on 13th Street.

Council Member Rice expressed concern that it is unknown what might eventually occur in the Pine Grove area. City Manager Schainker advised that if ISU sold the land to a private

developer, the City would have control over what is developed there.

Council Member Popken asked the staff to review the educational brochure to ensure that it did not show or indicate that the Pine Grove area was included.

Discussion ensued regarding the entry fees to be paid by Iowa State University students. Mr. Schainker indicated that some slight revisions might be made by the Board of Regents; however, the Lease Agreement will come back to the City Council for final approval.

CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR UNIT NO. 8 BOILER RE-TUBE PROJECT: Electric Director Donald Kom explained that Unit No. 8 had been experiencing boiler tube wall thinning and tube failures, which cause the Unit to be brought down for emergency repairs and forcing the utility to buy power on the open market. It is believed that corrosion of the tube walls is likely due to internal deposits and scale reacting with the tubes at high temperatures, and staff has determined that an immediate need exists to re-tube the damaged boiler tube sections.

Mr. Kom told the City Council about unscheduled outages that have recently occurred on Unit No. 8 due to a boiler tube failure. In order to immediately address the problem, staff sent out inquiries to five professional engineering firms that have specialized experience in making such repairs. Two firms expressed interest and the capacity to take on this project, and staff immediately conducted interviews with them.

Staff is requesting that the City Council waive purchasing policies, which require formal written competitive bids for professional services in excess of \$50,000 so that materials may be ordered. The lead time on the products is estimated to be up to 32 weeks. The goal is to conduct the repairs during the planned outage in the fall of 2007. It might be necessary to delay the outage until Spring 2008; however, it is hoped that an engineering firm can be in place as soon as possible.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Mahayni, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-341 approving the Contract for Engineering Services with Utility Engineering Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, for Unit No. 8 Boiler Re-Tube Project.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Mr. Kom also gave an update on the status of Unit No. 7.

PURCHASE OF FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES: Paul Hinderaker, Fleet Services Director, advised that in response to increases in the cost of fuel, the City began, in 2005, to study different ways to reduce fuel consumption without reducing services to the community. He said that in June 2007, bids were solicited for a new compact car for the new Neighborhood Inspector. A 2007 Ford Focus, with city fuel mileage rated at 27 mpg was purchased. From the bids received, it was determined that four additional cars with high-fuel efficiency ratings should be purchased to replace four existing fleet cars. Those cars will be operated by meter readers in the Utility Customer Service Division of the Finance Department. The four existing cars average 18.1 mpg, and the four new cars are rated from 27 to 34 mpg, a 69% improvement in fuel efficiency.

Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 07-342 approving the purchase of fuel-efficient vehicles for the Fleet Replacement Program "Cool Cities" Initiative, as follows:

1. One 2007 Toyota Yaris from Wilson Cadillac Toyota Scion of Ames at a cost of \$13,843
2. One Chevrolet Aveo from Deery Brothers Chevrolet of Carlisle at a cost of \$12,942.75
3. One Nissan Versa from Lithia Nissan of Ames at a cost of \$14,250

4. One Honda Fit from Honda of Des Moines at a cost of \$14,819

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

ORDINANCE MAKING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM FLOOR AREA RATIO STANDARDS IN THE PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT: Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Goodman, to pass on second reading an ordinance making a text amendment to eliminate the minimum floor area ratio standards in the Planned Commercial District.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE SETTING PARKING REGULATIONS ON APPLE PLACE: Moved by Goodman, seconded by Rice, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3925 setting parking regulations on Apple Place.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

ORDINANCE ADDING A COLLECTION FEE TO PARKING REGULATION VIOLATIONS: Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Popken, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3926 adding a collection fee to parking regulation violations.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

ORDINANCE DELETING REQUIREMENT TO DECLARE A PUBLIC WATER SHORTAGE BEFORE ENACTING VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION: Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 3927 deleting the requirement to declare a public water shortage before enacting voluntary conservation.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Ordinance declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

COMMENTS: Moved by Rice, seconded by Goodman, to refer to staff the letter from Mark and Mary Larson-Edwards dated July 5, 2007, regarding the Boheme restaurant at 2900 West Street. Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Goodman, to direct staff to reply to the letter written by Emily Hanchek, 4011 Aplin Road, Ames, and provide information as to the City's policies regarding requests to pave roads.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Popken, seconded by Goodman, to direct the City Attorney to create an ordinance to exempt the Hunziker Youth Sports Complex from the requirement for paved parking lots.

Vote on Motion: 5-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Doll, seconded by Goodman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor