

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
AMES CITY COUNCIL AND HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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OCTOBER 5, 2016

The Ames City Council and Hospital Board of Trustees met in joint session at 12:08 p.m. on the 5th day of October, 2016, in Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) Atrium Rooms A & B.

Attending were Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, and Chris Nelson. Council Members Gloria Betcher and Peter Orazem were absent. Mayor Campbell arrived at 12:25 p.m. Steve Schainker, City Manager; Judy Parks, City Attorney; and Diane Voss, City Clerk, represented the City of Ames Administration.

Representing the Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees were Chairperson Sarah Buck and Trustees Louis Banitt, MD; Brad Heemstra; Mary Kitchell; and Ken McCuskey. Administrative staff from MGMC present were Brian Dieter, President and CEO; Vice-Presidents Gary Botine, Karen Kiel Rosser, and Lynn Whisler; James Partridge, MD, Chief of Staff; Steve Sullivan, Director of Public Relations; and Stephanie Bates, Executive Assistant.

Welcome and Introductions. Chairperson Buck welcomed the City Council, Hospital Board of Trustees, and administrative staff members from both entities.

Brian Dieter provided an update on mental health services, noting that Council Member Gartin had requested that during Council Comments at the October 1, 2015, Joint Meeting. He noted that the County was formerly charged with managing mental health services. Now, Story County is part of a region with nine other counties. Mr. Dieter also shared that MGMC has been attempting to recruit a psychiatrist. The position has been posted for eight months.

Mary Greeley Centennial Celebration Recap. Steve Sullivan presented highlights of the Mary Greeley Centennial Celebration, which was held on August 7. He noted that they fell a few people short of the Guinness World Record for the largest reunion of people born at the same hospital.

Healthy Life Center. Gary Botine advised that MGMC and Heartland Senior Services have a long-standing relationship. He noted that, effective January 1, MGMC prepares all the food for the Meals on Wheels Program in Story County. Heartland Senior Services coordinates the volunteers to deliver those meals.

According to Mr. Botine, MGMC recently updated its Strategic Plan, which will run through 2019. For the first time, "Wellness" was added to the Plan for Patient Centered Care. According to Mr. Botine, in 2015, a dialogue began about the community's need for a wellness facility that could address needs for all ages. Those discussions then evolved into discussions about a Healthy Life Center where several entities could share amenities and services. Entities involved at that time were MGMC, Heartland Senior Services, Iowa State University, City of Ames, Ames Community School District, Story County, and Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). It was noted that the Ames Community School District has since indicated that it did not want to be included as it was planning to build its own on its own land. Mr. Botine advised that the group has come up with three areas of emphasis for a Healthy Life Center, i.e., physical activity, social network, and health and nutrition. He stated that a public meeting will be held on the Healthy Life Center concept on November 1, 2016, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Board and Council Comments. Council Member Gartin asked to know how health care is evolving for those struggling to pay for medical costs. Mr. Dieter explained that MGMC has an excellent financial assistance program and is very willing to work with those who need assistance.

Adjournment. There were no further comments from the Board of Trustees or City Council, and the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor