

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

AMES, IOWA

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of September, 2022 in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law. Present were Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Rachel Junck, and Anita Rollins. *Ex officio* Member Bryce Garman was also present.

PROCLAMATION FOR “HARRISON BARNES DAY,” SEPTEMBER 15, 2022: Mayor Haila announced that the Proclamation would be read at Ames High School on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. during the facility dedication for Harrison Barns. He encouraged all to attend the event.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Haila stated that the City Council was working from an amended agenda. He noted that two items had been added. The first was a resolution approving appointment to two Boards and Commissions, and the second was a resolution approving 28D Agreement with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to assist City of Jackson, Mississippi.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended.

2. Motion approving payment of claims
3. Motion approving Minutes of Special Meeting of August 16, 2022 and Regular Meeting of August 23, 2022
4. Motion approving Report of Change Orders for period August 16 - 31, 2022
5. Motion certifying Civil Service candidates
6. Motion approving ownership update for Class E Liquor License with Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (carryout beer) and Sunday Sales - Kum & Go #0217, 3111 S Duff Avenue
7. Motion approving ownership update for Class C Liquor License with Catering Privilege and Sunday Sales - Hy-Vee # 1 Clubroom, 3800 West Lincoln Way
8. Motion approving the renewal of the following Beer Permits, Wine Permits and Liquor Licenses:
 - a. Class E Liquor License with Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit (carryout beer), and Sunday Sales - Kum & Go #0217, 3111 S Duff Avenue
 - b. Class C Liquor License with Catering Privilege and Sunday Sales - Hy-Vee #1 Clubroom, 3800 West Lincoln Way Pending Dram Shop Insurance
 - c. Class B Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales - The Love Club, 4625 Reliable Street
 - d. Class C Beer Permit with Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales - Dollar General Store #22303, 3407 Lincoln Way
 - e. Class C Liquor License with Class B Native Wine Permit, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales - AJ's Ultra Lounge, 2401 Chamberlain Street Pending Dram Shop Insurance
9. Request from Ames High School Homecoming Parade on September 26, 2022:
 - a. Motion approving Blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit

- b. RESOLUTION NO. 485 approving closure of City Parking Lot MM, southern three aisles of City Parking Lot M, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. for parade staging
 - c. RESOLUTION NO. 486 approving closure of Pearle Avenue, Burnett Avenue, Kellogg Avenue, and Clark Avenue (all from Main Street to 5th Street), Main Street from Pearle Avenue to Duff Avenue, and 5th street from Grand Avenue to Clark Avenue, from 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m.
 - d. RESOLUTION NO. 487 approving waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for 55 metered parking spaces in Lot N
10. Motion approving changing vacant Library Assistant position from part-time status (20 hours/week) to full-time status
11. Requests from Iowa State University Department of Landscape Architecture for “Park(ing) Day” parklet project on September 16, 2022 - September 19, 2022:
- a. Motion approving Temporary Obstruction Permit
 - b. RESOLUTION NO. 488 approving suspension of parking regulations and enforcement
 - c. RESOLUTION NO. 489 approving waiver of fees for 12 metered parking spaces
- Additional Item:** RESOLUTION NO. 501 approving appointment to two Boards and Commissions
- Additional Item:** RESOLUTION NO. 502 approving 28D Agreement with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to assist City of Jackson, Mississippi
12. RESOLUTION NO. 490 approving Memorandum of Understanding with IUOE Local 234 for CyRide Part-Time Driver and Lane Worker hourly wage compensation
13. RESOLUTION NO. 491 approving request to waive enforcement of the prohibition of motorized vehicles in Ada Hayden Heritage Park for the Ames Triathlon on June 25, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
14. RESOLUTION NO. 492 approving contract with Stratus Building Solutions, for Ames City Hall Custodial Services in the amount of \$84,962
15. RESOLUTION NO. 493 to procure the services of Babcock Power Services of Marlborough, Massachusetts, in the amount of \$69,300 to perform the Unit 7 Attemperator Spay Flow Study
16. RESOLUTION NO. 494 approving preliminary plans and specifications for Ames-Ankeny 161 kV Transmission Relocation IA DOT 1-35; setting October 13, 2022, as bid due date and October 25, 2022, as date of public hearing
17. Motion approving partial completion of Public Improvements and Reducing Security for Birch Meadows Subdivision 1st Addition
18. RESOLUTION NO. 495 approving the procurement of single-source test drilling services, in accordance with the City’s Purchasing Policies, and award a contract to Cascade Drilling of Flint, Michigan, PFAS test drilling in the amount of \$85,575
19. RESOLUTION NO. 496 accepting completion of Arts Capital Grant with Creative Artists’ Studio of Ames, Inc. and authorizing payment in the amount of \$7,082
- Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Motion/Resolutions declared carried/adopted, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Haila opened the Public Forum.

Ryan Jeffery, 234 Parkridge Circle, Ames, discussed solar installation in Ames. He stated that the City had been working on the Climate Action Plan for several months now, but there are things

that the City can do easily in the meantime to take action. He reviewed the zoning requirements for the solar installation plan for Ames and discussed the comparison to peer cities. Mr. Jeffery stated that the zoning requirement adds a significant hurdle for residents installing solar on their homes. He noted that it is the request of himself and the Ames Climate Action Team to delete the zoning requirement, as it is a minimal risk to residential aesthetics that is being addressed with the removal of a significant barrier to entry into solar. Mr. Jeffery clarified that deleting the zoning requirement does not impact the need for those installing to work with Inspections and Utilities Divisions to ensure proper installation, nor does it impact the requirement to meet the National Electric Code. He noted that deleting the zoning requirement will encourage further solar adoption across the community, and reviewed options for group installation. Mayor Haila replied, stating that the City Council had received Mr. Jeffery's email regarding solar installation, which would be considered under Dispositions of Communications.

Richard Deyo, 505-8th Street, #2, Ames, stated he had asked multiple times to speak at the end of the meeting in Council Comments, noting that it would be appropriate for him to do so tonight.

As no one else came forward to speak, Mayor Haila closed the Public Forum.

SANDS-MCDORMAN PROPERTY: Director of Parks and Recreation Keith Abram stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is excited about the opportunity to purchase the Sands-McDorman property for future development into a community park. He reviewed a presentation outlining the property location and size of the available parcels, noting the recommendation to purchase two of the parcels at 5658 Ontario Street.

In approximately 2011-12, City staff had initial conversations with the owners of the property at 5658 Ontario Street regarding purchasing the land for a City park. The owners eventually decided not to sell at that time. Subsequently, staff was approached by the owners in 2021 through the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to see if the City was still interested in purchasing the approximately 78- acre piece of property. Staff indicated the City may be interested, and since then there have been several conversations about the proposal, including an appraisal update. Mr. Abraham clarified that the primary desire of the owners is to have this land developed into a City park. However, if the City is not interested, the owners will reach out to developers regarding their interest in this property.

Parcel 1 acquisition costs \$202,874 total, while Parcel 2 totals \$943,600, explained Mr. Abraham. With \$200,000 in funding from the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant through the State of Iowa and \$946,474 from the City of Ames Park Development Fund, the total funding amount of \$1,146,474 would be available for purchase, Mr. Abraham stated. He noted as part of the Park Development Fund, the Department puts \$100,000 in each year from local option sales tax, and the purpose of the fund is for this exact type of opportunity. Since the application deadline was August 15th for REAP funding, staff worked with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation on developing and submitting an application for the purchase of this land in the event that the City Council decides to purchase this land for a park. A component of the REAP application process, explained Director Abraham, is having City Council pass a resolution supporting the application

submittal. Staff provided a memo with the application stating that the City Council would discuss the land acquisition and REAP grant at the September 13th meeting.

Director Abraham clarified staff interest in the property, noting that part of the Park Master Plan identifies a community park with a service area of two miles, higher level amenities and off-street parking, and with services to the entire community, on the west side of Ames. Further support for this location for a community park is identified in the Comprehensive Plan, which highlights the area of town around the location as a growth area.

Council Member Beatty-Hansen asked if staff could explore the opportunity of working with the property owner or future developer to secure the land along the creek for City use across Parcel 3. Director Abraham referred to the map to prospect the east to west possibility along the creek and listed a couple of options of how staff could approach the conversation. He shared that the Parks and Recreation Commission gave support to purchase the property, but they asked staff to pursue a minimum of an easement along the creek for a future trail.

Council Member Betcher inquired about the opportunity to reuse any of the buildings currently on the site. Director Abraham explained that many of the buildings on the property do not currently show potential use besides the garage as a service building but did indicate that it is a matter that staff could explore that further.

Council Member Gartin noted that it is important for community parks to be accessible and asked Director Abraham to speak to the accessibility of the property. Mr. Abraham stated that a CyRide bus stop is conveniently located directly across the street on Ontario Avenue from where staff imagine the entrance of the park will go. He noted that a bike path lines Ontario Avenue and Sunset Ridge Park borders the south of the property, which opens accessibility for easy walking access. Director Abraham clarified that the community park would ideally have two access points, one off Ontario Avenue with another on the southeast end of the property. He mentioned that development of the community park will cost several million dollars. He stated that development will take place in a phased approach with a variety of funding sources, meaning there will be no immediate development of the land. Council Member Gartin asked how Director Abraham would anticipate layering the different phases of development over the current Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Mr. Abraham replied that staff has not had a lot of discussion over that topic; however, staff would be able to add an item to the CIP if it fits with other needs. He stated that staff would also investigate grant opportunities, donations, and naming opportunities, not only for the park but for the amenities within it. City Manager Steve Schinker clarified that how this project fits into the overall CIP for the City of Ames, would be a prioritization of the City Council that will have to be measured against a number of other present needs.

Council Member Gartin stated that many other parks in Ames struggle when it comes to heavy rainfall and inquired about whether or not the area is prone to flooding. Director Abraham replied that there is little flow within the creek area most times so a heavy rain would cause the creek to rise. Staff had conversations regarding stabilization and nutrient reduction to help with that. Mr. Abraham concluded that the property owner indicated flooding has not been a past issue.

Council Member Gartin reviewed that the areas west of Ada Hayden Heritage Park have been identified as environmentally sensitive and wondered if some of those same concerns would be present at the Ontario Avenue location. Director Abraham explained that currently the only potential environmental sensitivity he is aware of would be with the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee, which is an endangered species. He noted that the park could be a good location for them; however, the species has not been seen in the area yet. He noted that there is a lot of broom grass in the area, which over time should be switched out to native grasses and pollinator species to improve the habitat. With the south area of the property that is currently being used for farmland, Director Abraham explained, a switch to manicured turf or native prairie would help the entire area.

Mayor Haila opened and closed the Public Input as no one came forward to speak.

Council Member Gartin shared his support for the community park but noted that it is important to continue to look for ways to balance things as housing is a still a great need for the community.

Moved by Gartin, seconded by Junck, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 497 directing staff to negotiate a purchase agreement for parcels 1 and 2 of Sands-McDorman Property (5658 Ontario Street) in the amount not to exceed \$1,146,474.

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 Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 498 approving the submittal of an Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant application in the amount of \$200,000.

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

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Betcher, to direct staff to explore securing the land along the Creek in what is Parcel 3 to County Line Road.

Discussion was had on what it meant to secure the land. Council Member Beatty-Hansen clarified that she would like to leave that term open ended for staff to explore the possibilities of, among other options, purchase or donation of the land or having an easement.

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

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, to direct staff to investigate whether any of the buildings on the land can be repurposed, if the city were to purchase the site.

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

AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON GRAY TO PLACE ARTWORK/FREE LIBRARY IN FRANKLIN PARK: Parks and Recreation Director Abraham reviewed the project plan for the artwork for Franklin Park. He stated that the agreement is structured similar to that of the Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition where the artwork will be loaned to the City by the Artist,

who will maintain the sculpture. Mr. Abraham noted that the initial loan period will be five years, which can be extended after that time if both parties wish to.

Director Abraham explained that Mr. Gray had submitted a letter to the City Council expressing concern of vandalism and requesting that security cameras be placed in the park to monitor the sculpture. Mr. Abraham elaborated that the Parks and Recreation Department does not have a policy for utilizing security cameras in the park system but noted that a trial camera has been used with some success in instances of repeated vandalism or graffiti. He stated that the use of cameras is limited due to privacy concerns. Mr. Abraham stated that staff does not recommend with use of security cameras without researching peer communities and having Public Input on the topic.

Council Member Betcher voiced her concern of understanding where maintenance ends and cleanup for vandalism begins. She asked if there was something the City would do to remove graffiti or if it would be something that Mr. Gray would be responsible for. Assistant City Manager Phillips clarified that under the agreement the City does not assume any responsibility for damage caused by someone else. He stated that if staff were able to identify the person who completed the act of malicious mischief and bring a claim against that person, the agreement allows staff to assist Mr. Gray in getting that accomplished. Mr. Phillips furthered that staff would work with the Artist to assist with cleanup of vandalism with special attention similar to that staff gives to other park property, but ultimately assistance from the City would be under the discretion of the Artist.

Council Member Rollins asked whether there would be other available options such as lighting to help protect the sculpture since there are hesitations about security cameras due to privacy. Director Abraham replied that staff discussed with the Artist ideas of adding solar lighting to the piece because there is some uniqueness to it. In the next year, explained Mr. Abraham, a shared use path that goes through the park from east to west will be added, and three additional light poles will come into the park to accompany that project. He stated that with security lighting in the park, solar lighting on the sculpture, and lighting from the multi-use trail, the sculpture should be protected from any potential harm.

Council Member Betcher asked should any potential issues come to fruition and persist, if the discussion of security cameras would come back to the City Council to determine if there is a need for something more secure. Director Abraham noted that it is routine for the Parks and Recreation Department to install a trail camera temporarily at the site of recurring vandalism without approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission or the City Council. If the issue continues after the installation of the trail camera, explained Mr. Abraham, the discussion would come back to the City Council for further direction.

Mayor Haila opened the Public Input.

Cameron Gray, 505 Northwestern Avenue, Ames, provided clarification of why he proposed security cameras and insight as to his vision for the installation. He stated that his idea would be to have the security camera focused directly on the outside of the sculpture, not a wide shot so the camera would not be invasive to users of the park. The reason he initiated the request for the camera, Mr. Gray explained, was because an article posted to the Ames Tribune e-edition

highlighting the project received comments that indicated a threat and malicious intent leading to the assumption that there are community members who do not want the project to be in the park. Mr. Gray furthered that because of what this project represents for the community, Celebrating Blackness, he wants to take preventative measures to ensure the safety of the sculpture and those who use the resources available there.

Mayor Haila asked Mr. Gray his opinion of the option for lighting. Mr. Gray replied that he is supportive of the option for lighting as the design of the sculpture has points at which solar panels and lights can be incorporated into the platform at the base.

Richard Deyo, 505-8th Street, #2, Ames, spoke against the security cameras. He stated that the human body is a good piece of art. As far as art goes, Deyo explained, he does not think that being in light all the time is a good thing for an art piece as people should appreciate art for what it is.

Mayor Haila closed the Public Input when no one else came forward to speak.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 499 approving an agreement with Cameron Gray to place artwork/free library in Franklin Park.

Council Member Betcher said that she thinks this is a great project and she is glad that Mr. Gray continued to pursue it. Council Member Beatty-Hansen stated her agreement.

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

Mayor Haila opened the opportunity for the City Council Members to express interest in the installation of security cameras. Council Member Beatty-Hansen stated that it is an interesting question because she understands that Mr. Gray saw a threat to the piece. She said that if security cameras were to be placed, it would be the desire to have them narrowly focused on the sculpture because surveilling people is a sensitive topic.

Moved by Rollins, seconded by Beatty-Hansen, that staff explore the feasibility and the cost of installing security cameras as requested by Mr. Gray.

Council Member Corrieri stated that she believes staff already explored the feasibility and recommended against it. Council Member Rollins replied that it would be helpful to know the cost, adding that she said that she understands that security cameras may cause accessibility issues. Director Abraham said that staff could investigate what other peer communities might be doing and the associated costs. Council Member Beatty-Hansen said that her interest is in the trail camera and asked about the placement of those. Director Abraham clarified that Parks and Recreation has one trail camera that is used in cases of recurring vandalism. Council Member Beatty-Hansen asked about putting the trail camera up for the first two week of the art installation and Director Abraham discussed the location of the trail camera, the picture quality, and the associated staff time for that option, as the trail camera uses a SD card to store the photos. Council Member Betcher

clarified that staff would not have to come back to the City Council for approval to install the trail camera should repeated vandalism occur. Director Abraham replied in the affirmative.

Vote on Motion: 2-4. Motion failed.

CONTRACT WITH CHEVRON RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP TO SUPPLY 99.9% BIODIESEL RESOLUTION: Fleet and Facilities Director Corey Mellies reviewed the Council Action Form, noting that three years ago the City of Ames entered a partnership with Renewable Energy Group (REG). The original agreement included the lease of one 12,000-gallon fuel tank and dispenser from REG for \$1 per year installed at the Maintenance Facility for the duration of the project. Additionally, REG became the exclusive provider to the City for 100% of the B100, at the agreed price of 5 cents below the Iowa DOT Des Moines Rack Price for #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel. Since the pilot project has begun, the B100 equipment has been installed on the City's entire snowplow fleet. Chevron REG proposed an extension to the current agreement of two years until September 9, 2024. Mr. Mellies stated that staff believes the terms of the agreement are favorable and therefore recommends approval. He noted that the only change to the contact is that the proposed price for B100 increases from a 5-cent discount to a price equal to the Des Moines area Gross Rack Average price per gallon for #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD), as published by the Iowa DOT.

Rich Iverson, Fleet and Facilities Support Manager, served as the team lead for the B100 pilot project. Mr. Iverson reviewed the details and success of the project. He stated that the goal of the contract is to ensure that the City of Ames fleet has a reliable supply of B100, as in the City fleet over 50% of the vehicles and equipment are on some sort of alternative fuel. B100 and B20 vehicles, explained Mr. Iverson, have offset more CO₂ than any other alternative-fuel initiative.

Mr. Iverson reviewed the fleet history and the influence of temperature on fuel before presenting the B100 Pilot Project Findings: 1) Biodiesel use in snowplows at 84% average up from 8% annually, 2) Fuel economy 7% lower per mile per gallon, 3) Truck performance was unchanged, 4) Fuel heating cost at 17 cents per gallon above ground, and 5) 356 metric tons of CO₂ offset in 30 months.

Staff has been able to share the experience with B100 with other cities around the nation, explained Mr. Iverson. He furthered that after discussing the project, Madison, Wisconsin came on board with their snowplow fleet and Lincoln, Nebraska expressed interest in pursuing the project. Mr. Iverson concluded the presentation by reviewing the benefits of the project and encouraging the City Council to approve the contract with Chevron REG.

Council Member Gartin inquired about the maintenance of the vehicles that use B100. Mr. Iverson replied that there is surprisingly no additional maintenance. He explained that the system is proven to be reliable with few failures. The system is simple, but software driven, explained Mr. Iverson, and the manufacture of the technology is attentive to the needs of the fleet. Council Member Gartin asked where the City gets the fuel from. Mr. Iverson replied that the fuel comes from local Iowa soybean farmers and is processed locally at one of Chevron REG's refineries. He furthered that this is an excellent opportunity for the City to use local products and local alternative fuel. Council

Member Gartin countered if there were any providers other than Chevron REG for this product. Mr. Iverson replied in the affirmative but said that in looking at the regulations and quality of the fuel received from Chevron REG, the product has been outstanding, and he doubts that the City could get the same quality from another competitor.

Mayor Haila noted that another consideration in the contract is that the City is able to lease a 12,000-gallon fuel tank and the associated equipment for \$1 per year. He furthered that Ames should be proud that the pilot project was successful and as a result of that many communities across the nation are also making the switch to alternative fuel.

Mayor Haila opened and closed the Public Input as no one came forward to speak.

Moved by Junck, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 500 approving contract with Chevron Renewable Energy Group to supply 99.9% biodiesel (B100) for use in the City's snowplow trucks and the lease or purchase of REG's 12,000-gallon biodiesel tank.

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

SECOND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES OF THE EAST SIDE OF HOOVER AVENUE FROM 24TH STREET TO 30TH STREET AND FROM BLOOMINGTON ROAD TO ADAMS STREET: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to pass on second reading an ordinance on Prohibiting Parking At All Times Of The East Side Of Hoover Avenue From 24th Street To 30th Street And From Bloomington Road To Adams Street.

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

SECOND PASSAGE ON REZONING, WITH MASTER PLAN, 3898 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD FROM "RI" (RESEARCH PARK INNOVATION ZONING DISTRICT) TO "RI" (RESEARCH PARK INNOVATION ZONING DISTRICT) WITH REVISED MASTER PLAN: Moved by Rollins, seconded by Betcher, to pass on second reading an ordinance on the Rezoning, With Master Plan, 3898 University Boulevard From "RI" (Research Park Innovation Zoning District) To "RI" (Research Park Innovation Zoning District) With Revised Master Plan.

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

THIRD PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4477 OF REZONING, WITH MASTER PLAN, 798 NORTH 500TH AVENUE FROM "A" (AGRICULTURAL) TO "FS-RL" (FLOATING SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY): Moved by Gartin, seconded by Betcher, to pass on third reading and adopt ORDINANCE NO. 4477 approving the Rezoning, With Master Plan, 798 North 500th Avenue From "A" (Agricultural) To "FS-RL" (Floating Suburban Residential Low Density).

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

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: Mayor Haila noted that there were six items to address. The first item was a memo from Donald Kom, Director of Electric Services, regarding impact of natural gas prices on electric customers. City Manager Schainker stated that no action was required on the item, it was for information only. The second item, a memo from Chief of Police Geoff Huff, was a summary of Cyclone Welcome Weekend 2022, also for information purposes only.

Mayor Haila stated that the third item was a letter from Ryan Jeffery on behalf of the Ames Climate Action Team, pertinent to his comments at Public Forum on revisions to the solar energy system permit approval process.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Junck, to request a memo from staff on the zoning restrictions relating to solar power.

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

The fourth item was a staff report regarding credit card payments for utility fees and parking tickets.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Gartin, to put credit card payments for utility fees and parking tickets on a future agenda.

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

Mayor Haila noted that the fifth item was a letter from Rainey Friedrich regarding pavement improvements to Adams Street.

Moved by Junck, seconded by Rollins, to ask staff to respond to the letter writer with the current process for road paving.

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

The sixth item was a letter from FOX Strand requesting a zoning text amendment on wholesale trade parking requirement.

Moved by Beatty-Hansen, seconded by Corrieri, to request a memo from staff regarding a Zoning Text Amendment for Wholesale Trade Parking Requirement.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS: *Ex officio* Bryce Garman noted that one of the appointees to the Boards and Commissions that was approved at tonight's meeting is a student at Iowa State University. He stated that now that school is back in session and the Local Affairs Committee is able to meet, he is working to get more students involved with Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Betcher stated that she is happy that there were a couple of exciting Parks and Recreation items on the agenda that will improve the parks experience for everyone in the community.

Mayor Haila noted that in the fall the City Council tries to set a joint meeting with the Iowa State University Student Government, and the tentative date for this year is Wednesday, October 26th. He informed the City Council members that the City Clerk would be reaching out to them to confirm their availability for the meeting.

The Mental Health Expo will be hosted at the Memorial Union on Tuesday, September 20th and Mayor Haila encouraged all residents, students, and the City Council to attend the event. He stated that the Expo begins at 6:00 p.m. and after 7:00 p.m. the keynote speaker, Lindsey Finley, will discuss mental health in the community.

Mayor Haila announced that the first Community Conversation relating to mental health will be hosted at the Ames Public Library Farewell T. Brown Auditorium on Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mayor Haila explained that the topic of the first conversation will focus on suicide and cover facts, hope, and resources.

Council Member Junck reported that the ribbon cutting for the accessible kayak launch at Ada Hayden will be Wednesday, September 21st at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.
Vote on Motion: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Carly M. Watson, Principal Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor

Renee Hall, City Clerk