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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting No. 28  
February 19, 2013

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Davidson, Council Members Anderson, Fleming, McCampbell and Reed present.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONSENT AGENDA: To the Public:

All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: Fleming                      Seconded By: McCampbell

MOTION: To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Davidson reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 620 Cedar Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

COMMENTS: Mayor Davidson led an auction for the Sale of Property Locally Known as 620 Cedar Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa. He stated that

the property was a vacant lot. The Parks and Development Director stated that the property owner to the east of the property would like to purchase the property to expand their property to construct a garage. Althesia Bledsoe of 614 Cedar Street was the high bidder at \$1,500.00. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Fleming                      Seconded By: Reed

Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Fleming                      Seconded By: Anderson

Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 620 Cedar Street, City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 1604 Louisa



Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 805 South 8th Street,  
City of Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ )

ADOPTED

ORDINANCES:

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: Anderson

1. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 73, Speed Regulations of the City of Burlington Municipal Code

DISCUSSION: The Police Chief stated that the proposed Ordinance provides a language cleanup of Speed Regulations due to a couple of new schools. He stated

that the Municipal Code will now state that if the school is properly marked as a school zone the speed limit will be 20 miles per hour. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ )

CARRIED

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: Fleming

2. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 73, Speed Regulations of the City of Burlington Municipal Code

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ )

CARRIED

Introduced By: Reed

Seconded By: McCampbell

3. Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 80.03 Parking Violations: Alternate of Chapter 80 Traffic Code Enforcement Procedures of the Burlington Municipal Code

DISCUSSION: The Police Chief stated that the proposed Ordinance amends a parking ticket fine from \$5.00 to \$10.00. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ )

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: McCampbell

Seconded By: Reed

1. Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Great River Subdivision

DISCUSSION: The Parks and Development Director stated that Great River Subdivision was a 5-lot subdivision consisting primarily of the Casino, Fun City

and Winegard Industry on Kirkwood Street. He stated that in addition there was a

home on Belmont Court and Kirkwood Street and an office on Vineyard Street and Belmont Court. He further stated that it also dedicates Winegard Drive and Cottonwood Court as public streets as required by the original PUD and separates

out the three businesses into their own lots. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - â AYESâ )

ADOPTED

Introduced By: McCampbell

Seconded By: Fleming

2. Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for State of Iowa Safe

Routes to School Funds for Pedestrian Improvements Along Mason Road

DISCUSSION: The Parks and Development Director stated that the City was applying for a grant for a pedestrian walkway along Mason Road from Edward Stone Middle School to Haskell Street. He stated that the City applied last year and it was not approved as the State of Iowa wants the school to be built prior to funding.

He stated that Burlington Community School District has constructed sidewalks along the field and along Mason Road to the school. He explained that there was

a grant connecting the area from the end of Fareway Food store to the school, which would tie in West Avenue and the RecPlex trail to the school. Council Member Anderson stated that it would be great to have the trail connected. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - AYES )

ADOPTED

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Garry Thomas of 910 South 12th Street and President of the South Hill Neighborhood Association urged the Council to keep the Youth Center open as it was a promise to the youth when the Council enacted the curfew

Ordinance. He stated that the South Hill Neighborhood Association would partner

with the City to keep the Dankwardt Park pool open. The following people urged the Council to not eliminate Duane Patton's position at the Flint Hills Golf Course: Jon Billups of 801 North 5th Street; Gary Imthurn of 10962 Wildlife Lakes Drive, West Burlington; Sally Box of 1018 South 8th Street; Tim Scott of 2017 South 15th Street; Mike Anderson of 2508 River Drive; Ed Box of 1018 South 8th Street and Robert Washington of 1605 Sioux. All who spoke praised Duane Patton for his greatness as a manager that although it is a part time position that Duane works a lot of hours and how much he loves his job. Many of those that spoke felt that the Flint Hills Golf Course Advisory Committee should have been consulted about eliminating Duane Patton's position. Tim Scott of 2017 South 15th Street stated that the Council has done a great job in creating a balance of cuts and property tax increases. He apologized that when he was on the Council that they created many assets for the City, but failed to pay for those assets. He urged the Council to tweak the budget to keep the Youth Center

open as promised to the youth of Burlington. Leon Shahan of 1821 Mt. Pleasant Street stated his concern that the City Council was still issuing debt. He further stated that the City needed a new approach on the war on drugs. He further urged the Council to not close the Youth Center. Eddie Marsh asked when

the City Council would be approving the budget. Mayor Davidson stated that the public hearing and the approval of the budget would be at the March 4, 2013 City

Council meeting. He stated that each time the Council talks about cuts, there is

always someone that does not want to see the cut made. He stated that the City has less than 2% in cash reserves. He further stated that since the new City Manager came to Burlington \$1,200,000.00 in cuts have been made. He stated that

he sympathizes with those in attendance, but they have to see what the Council is dealing with. Council Member McCampbell stated that he has taken several trips to the Youth Center and there were no youth in attendance. He stated that

he did not want to see people lose their jobs, but the Council cannot keep everything open, unless the Council implements a \$3.00 property tax increase. He further stated that he has received many e-mails from citizens about the

budget, which show they care about Burlington. Council Member Anderson stated that the Kiwanis was raising money for an after school program. She stated that

the \$18,000.00 the City spends on the Youth Center was not enough to be effective. She stated that she would need to think about all the comments that were made at the Council meeting. Council Member Reed stated that he was thankful that the City Manager was steering the Council in the right direction.

He stated that it was difficult when you have to cut services and employees. He further stated that the Council would need to either increase fees or raise property taxes. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was

filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Adjournment: 7:33 p.m.

Approved: March 4, 2013

Kathleen P. Salisbury, MMC  
City Clerk

Jim Davidson  
Mayor

(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

ITEM I. Consent Agenda

FINANCES AND MISCELLANEOUS  
Minutes of Previous Meetings  
Payroll and City Claims

BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND CIGARETTES

REPORTS AND BONDS

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Approving 28E Agreement Concerning Public Safety Emergency Communication Services in Des Moines County, Iowa
2. Resolution Approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemptions Pursuant to Chapter 404 of the State Code of Iowa
3. Resolution Establishing a "Blind Person in Area" Zone in the 1300 and 1400 Block of South Street
4. Resolution Approving Maintenance and Operation of the Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Pavement Systems in the Great River Subdivision

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS: MARCH 4, 2013

1. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget
2. Consideration of the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$2,600,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2013, Calling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of the Bonds, and Directing Publication of Notice Thereof