

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMES CONFERENCE BOARD**

AMES, IOWA

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

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Mayor Haila announced that it was impractical to hold an in-person Council meeting due to the Governor of Iowa declaring a public health emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, limits have been placed on public gatherings, and this meeting was being held as an electronic meeting as allowed by Section 21.8 of the *Iowa Code*. The Mayor then provided how the public could participate in the meeting via internet or by phone.

The Regular Meeting of the Ames Conference Board was called to order by Chairman John Haila at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2021. Present from the Ames City Council were Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Rachel Junck, and David Martin. Linda Murken, Lisa Heddens, and Latifah Faisal represented the Story County Board of Supervisors. Other members in attendance were as follows: Joe Anderson, Nevada School Board of Directors; Sabrina Shields-Cook, Ames Community School Board of Directors, and Jennifer Britt, United Community School Board of Directors. Gilbert School Board of Directors was not represented.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021: Moved by Heddens, seconded by Betcher, to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2021, meeting of the Ames Conference Board.

Vote on Motion: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021/22 BUDGET FOR CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Interim City Assessor Brenda Swaim mentioned that she hoped that the rest of the Board received the corrected pages (3 and 4) of the Report.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and it was closed when no one came forward.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Murken, to adopt the proposed 2021/22 budget for the City Assessor's Office.

Vote on Motion: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE BOARD COMMENTS: Council Member Martin mentioned that at the last Conference Board meeting he made a motion to put the topics of the mini board structure and a process for evaluating the permanent Assessor's performance on the Agenda for tonight's meeting. He commented that the background material that was needed in order to move forward was not ready yet. The information will still come back to the Board when it is ready. The Mayor mentioned that since there will probably be some Special Meetings scheduled in the future to consider appointing a City Assessor, hopefully they will have the materials ready for one of those meetings.

Story County Board of Supervisor Lisa Heddens thanked the City for considering taking over the payroll for the City Assessor's Office as of January 2022.

Council Member Corrieri gave an update on the search for a City Assessor. The goal is to come back to the Board with a recommendation in April 2021.

Mayor Haila mentioned that he appreciated the Board's help in getting recommendations for the Board of Review. He noted that he is still working on getting one more person to fill a spot on the Board, but should have a full Board by the end of the month.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Heddens to adjourn the Ames Conference Board meeting at 6:08 p.m.