MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

AMES, IOWA JANUARY 6, 2024

The Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 8:27 a.m. on the 6th day of January, 2024 in the Homewood Golf Course Clubhouse, 401 East 20th Street. City Council Members present were Gloria Betcher, Tim Gartin, Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Rachel Junck, and Anita Rollins. Amber Corrieri joined the meeting electronically. City Manager Steven Schainker, City Attorney Mark Lambert, Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips, and Facilitator Donna Gilligan were also present.

COUNCIL GOAL UPDATE:

Mayor Haila summarized that he had met individually with each Council Member to discuss their priorities. He outlined the purpose of the retreat. The Mayor invited Facilitator Donna Gilligan to review the agenda. After a review of the agenda, Ms. Gilligan led a discussion of the previous commitments the City Council had made in regard to effective decision making and interaction with others.

The meeting recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips reviewed with the City Council the existing tasks that have yet to be completed. Ms. Gilligan reviewed the feedback collected individually from the Council Members regarding proposed revised goals. The Council Members provided proposed modifications to the draft goals that underlie each value and then prioritized the draft goals.

The meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the refinement of the goals and tasks.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Betcher, seconded by Junck, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.