

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

AMES, IOWA

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Ames City Council was called to order by Mayor John Haila at 5:13 p.m. on the 6th day of February, 2024, 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* Jeff Clark was absent.

FY 2024/25 BUDGET PROPOSALS: Library Director Sheila Schofer and Youth Services Manager Brianna Anderson presented the proposed operating budget for the Ames Public Library, highlighting the impact that funding has on services provided to the Ames community. It was emphasized that libraries are a key component in providing critical information, resources, and spaces for learning and connecting.

Water and Pollution Control Director John Dunn continued the budget proposal presentation with the Utilities Program. He introduced and thanked the leadership team of the Water and Pollution Control Department, reviewing the business and technical support functions of each division. He discussed the expenses for personnel support services before highlighting the bench markers of success measured by the Department. Director of Public Works John Joiner concluded the Utilities Program through review of the proposed budget and projects for the areas of Sanitary Sewer Collection, Stormwater Permit Program, Stormwater System Maintenance, and Resource Recovery. He highlighted that Resource Recovery operations were emphasizing and expanding recycling services and other services for landfill diversion.

Director Joiner then discussed the activities and services of the Transportation Program, which includes the work groups of Administration, Engineering, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Traffic Engineering, Traffic Operations, Street Lights, Street System, Parking Operations, and Airport Operations. Director of Fleet Services Corey Mellies shifted to items in General Government/Internal Services, which included Fleet Services and Facilities. Director Mellies reviewed fuel prices for the City's fleet before Finance Director Corey Goodenow concluded the presentation with the proposed budget for the Finance Department. The various programs covered included Utility Customer Service, Parking Violation Collection, Economic Development, FEMA/Disaster Relief, Financial Services, Information Technology, Print Shop Services, and Messenger Services.

The members of the City Council engaged with City staff during each section of the presentation to gather clarifications on specific issues and inquire about status updates for current projects.

DISPOSITION OF COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: The Mayor and Council Members thanked staff for the time and efforts dedicated to preparing the proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Betcher, seconded by Corrieri, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

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

Carly M. Watson, Deputy City Clerk

John A. Haila, Mayor

Renee Hall, City Clerk

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