

Urbandale City Council Minutes
February 8, 2011

The Urbandale City Council met on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3600 86th Street, with Mayor Robert D. Andeweg presiding. Answering roll call were the following Council Members: Tom Gayman, Mike Carver, John Forbes, Ron Pogge, Mary Polson. Absent: none. Also present were City Manager A.J. Johnson, Assistant City Manager Su Zanna K. Prophet, Finance Director Nicci Lamb, Library Director Katherine Manion, Director of Parks and Recreation/Community Education Jan Herke, Fire Chief Jerry Holt, Director of Human Resources Jennifer Hubbard, Director of Technology John Andrasko, Fire Chief Jerry Holt, Director of Engineering and Public Works Dave McKay, Police Chief Ross McCarty, City Clerk Deb Mains.

Mayor Andeweg read the CHARACTER COUNTS! statement.

Polson moved, seconded by Pogge to approve the agenda as posted. On roll call, Ayes: Polson, Pogge, Gayman, Forbes, Carver. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The compensation committee reviewed the recommended non-union salary increases with the remaining Council Members. Discussion was held regarding union contract settlements, performance based salary increases, health insurance contributions, and total salaries as a percentage of operating budget and number of employees per capita, in comparison to other municipalities.

Discussion was also held regarding a proposed \$0.20 tax levy increase, with \$0.10 going toward debt service for capital improvement projects and \$0.10 going toward the city's contribution to the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System.

Other items of discussion included recruitment expenses, library expenditures, Hotel/Motel tax funding requests, HR expenses, including a compensation study, tree planting, training expenses, and a new shelter house/community center at Walker Johnston Park.

It was decided not to fund a request from the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce for a Young Professionals networking group.

The City Manager advised that a March 8, 2011 public hearing will be formally established at the February 22, 2011 Council meeting.

Polson moved, seconded by Pogge to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. On roll call, Ayes: Polson, Pogge, Gayman, Forbes, Carver. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Robert D. Andeweg, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Mains, City Clerk