

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
AMES CITY COUNCIL AND THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**AMES, IOWA**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

The Ames City Council met at 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of February, 2019, in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union, Iowa State University, pursuant to law. Mayor John Haila, Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, David Martin, and Chris Nelson and *ex officio* Council Member Allie Hoskins were present. City Manager Steve Schainker was also in attendance.

Updates to previous discussions were given on the greenspaces in Campustown and enhancing the plaza on Welch.

Possible programming under the “Town and Gown” topic was reviewed, specifically, the “I Love Ames Day.” Junior Senator Sandeep Stanley commented that he would like the event to include Main Street, North Grand Mall, and Campustown. He also suggested that a CyRide bus shuttle incoming students and visitors to the three locations with a tour guide noting points of interest along the way. No date for this event has been confirmed; however, September 6 or 7 has been suggested.

City Council *ex officio* member Allie Hoskins explained how students can be involved and provide input regarding the Comprehensive Community Plan for 2040. The schedule for the upcoming public meetings on the Plan was shared.

An update to the Campustown Safety Walk was given. Due to the recurring inclement weather, the Walk will be scheduled for later in the spring.

Several student leaders voiced their concerns about safety on Campus; in particular, slippery roads caused by the recent snowstorms. Student Senator Courtney Berringer said she believed that the snow removal in Ames “as the worst she had ever seen.” City representatives replied that the recent snow events had created a very heavy workload for street crews who are responsible for plowing the streets. It was also noted that the City now has an app where anyone wanting to voice a complaint could do so. By using that app, City staff members are able to note the areas of particular concern and address those as soon as possible. City Manager Schainker said that the City is always looking for ways to improve its services. He added that the plows are not built to clear the snow down to the pavement; they are going to move as much snow as possible off the streets to make them drive-able. The recent storms have caused road conditions to deteriorate quickly and made worse by the mixture of rain and snow along with high winds. Mr. Schainker added that the City uses very little salt on the roadways as it is not conducive to the environment; however, the City does sometimes mix salt with sand so the sand doesn’t freeze. Junior Senator Sarah Moody asked to know the plowing priority given to University Avenue. She commented that many persons come into the City on that roadway. She would like University Avenue to be given a higher priority, especially because visitors to Campus often use it. City Manager

Schinker replied that University Avenue is one of the highest priority roadways in the snow removal process.

There being no further topics to be discussed at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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Diane Voss, City Clerk