

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 31st, 2018, 6:00pm
5784 Navarre Ave., Hampton, FL 32044

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING ANY TOPIC ON THIS EVENING'S AGENDA IS REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A COMMENT CARD AND RETURN TO THE CITY CLERK. PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES.

Meeting Facilitator: Dan Williams, Mayor

Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL – City Clerk– Vice Chairman Jim Mitzel, Councilman Frank Bryant, Councilman Doug Williamson, Mayor Dan Williams, Chairman Bill Goodge, and Councilwoman Lillian Sams. Also present Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator and Will Sexton, City Attorney

Mayor Williams stated this is special set meeting with only one item to discuss tonight. The item was brought forward from the last meeting agenda.

Public Comment - Please limit comments to 3 minutes and restrain from personal attacks, using an individual's name or making political statements.

David Clay – Claimed the contract states they are to mow, weed eat, and blow and once a week while in season which is defined by all parks and right of ways within city limits. The side streets aren't being mowed. This needs to be addressed. They are not abiding by the contract.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swamp Cutters Contract

Councilman Bryant

Councilman Bryant wanted to review the contract and go over what has or hasn't been done. Mayor Williams wanted to clarify the focus. Councilman Bryant said there is not a set amount of hours for Swamp Cutters to work. States the contract is to mow all right of ways within the city limits and that is not being done on the side streets. He thinks there are jobs that are not done that Mr. Davis has been paid for. There are still limbs from Hurricane Irma sticking out and trees on the edge of the road. Potholes aren't being filled in. Mr. Davis said they were paid for what was hauled off during the hurricane. Also, it's not their responsibility to mow around the meter box and weed eat up against the fence on the recycling property. Chairman Goodge suggested daily reports be submitted. Mr. Davis stated they put in 60 man hours a week. Mayor Williams advised audience member David Clay that he needs to refrain from comments and it's the council now who needs to find the answers to the question. Mayor Williams asked Mr. Carter how Waldo handles mowing their ROWs. Mr.

Bernard stated the homeowners mow it. Mayor Williams stated the city council does not have the authority to go house to house to regulate absentee landlords. If it is our wish for Swamp Cutters to mow the ROWs then the city may have to pay him. Mayor Williams feels we need to go at this in an orderly fashion. Councilman Bryant stated we don't do anything about it. Mayor Williams said we would report it as a code violation. Vice Chairman Mitzel pointed out that contract is good for 8 more months and this is mainly a complaint. Next year it can be put out to bid. He asked Mr. Davis to cover their concerns and come to a compromise until the contract ends. Chairman Goodge said Mr. Davis gave a bid on what he had been mowing and it was agreed to - now everyone wants to nitpick, you can't please everyone. Vice Chairman Mitzel said we can always add in the contract more detail on what we want when it comes up. A written report would be useful.

Motion made by Chairman Goodge to require Swamp Cutters to maintain daily reports, reflecting personnel, hours, location, completed jobs and outstanding jobs, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 5 - 0

Mayor Williams is concerned with turnover in the company and inconsistency in their manpower. Chairman Goodge said it is not our concern since he is a contractor. Mayor Williams would like to see them stabilized and make them more visible. Mr. Davis said it is costing him \$253 every month to work for the city with his overhead. If they sit somewhere people complain, if the drive around people complain. He wanted to know when is enough enough? They can only do so much. They are on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. He tries to have a routine then something comes up and they have to stop what they are doing. Chairman Goodge said to put that down on the daily report. Mr. Davis stated he has not had an increase in three years. Councilman Bryant said the increase in the contract was supposed to cover that. Josh stated that the grass was cut twice last week due to all of the rain we have been getting. Mr. Davis feels like he puts more than an honest effort out and does things that go above and beyond his contract for no charge.

2. Adjourn

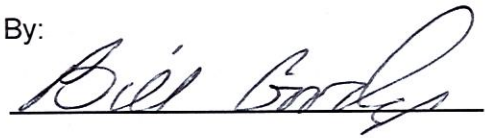
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ATTEST:



Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator

By:



Bill Goodge, Chairman