

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14th, 2017, 7:00pm
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, Present were Mayor Dan Williams, Vice Chairman Jim Mitzel, Councilwoman Lillian Sams, Councilman Frank Bryant, Councilman Douglas Williamson. Chairman Bill Goodge was absent (unexcused). Also present were City Attorney John Cooper and City Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth.

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

Mr. John Linnehan from Hampton Lake spoke in support of the resolution opposing phosphate mining in Bradford County. Property values will go down. It affects all of us.

Mr. Mike Armes extended his appreciation to the council for the work they do. He had two complaints: 1. He does not feel that routine maintenance, as per Swamp Cutters' contract, is being kept up. The parks are in poor condition. 2. Parking at city hall is terrible. He doesn't feel the city should rely on parking on private property. Mayor Williams stated people are welcome to park on the Community Church empty lot.

1. Public Hearings:

2. Recognitions: Healthy Weight Community Champion Recognition

Joy Johnson, Florida Department of Health, Bradford County, presented the Council with a Certificate. Chairman Goodge filled out a survey that qualified the city for this distinction. Also, Hampton Elementarily is a bronze level healthy school. The number of trails and parks were also a factor. The information aids Tallahassee in determining what areas have and what the needs are, from a Department of Health standpoint.

3. Resolutions:

- A. Resolution 2017-2, A Resolution of the City of Hampton in support of the "Safe Cities, Safe Florida" initiative through the Florida League of Cities, Inc. during the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Mr. Cooper read by title only. Ms. Hildreth explained it was the FLC's President's mission this year.

Motion made by Councilman Bryant to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Williamsom. Passed 4 - 0

- B. Resolution 2017-3, A Resolution of the City of Hampton Commending the Florida Association of City Clerks for its 45th Anniversary.

Mr. Cooper read by title only.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mitzel to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

- C. Resolution 2017-4, A Resolution of the Hampton City Council, Bradford County, Florida, in Opposition to Granting a Special Exception Permit from Agriculture to Mining of Phosphate in Bradford County.

Mr. Cooper read by title only.

Motion made by Councilman Bryant to adopt the resolution, seconded by Vice Chairman Mitzel. Passed 4 - 0,

Mayor Williams brought up the quote: "having the right to do something doesn't mean it's the right thing to do", regarding the private property owner.

4. Presentations:

- A. Commissioner Danny Riddick – VFDs, SR 325

Commissioner Riddick stated the city is doing a terrific job - improving every day - and he appreciates all we have done. The fire station lease is on the County Commission's agenda for Thursday. The fire trucks are covered by the county's insurance and the building will be added to their policy. On 4/1/7, ISO will go down to a 5 rating on property within a 5 mile radius of Hampton's VFD, resulting in a reduction of insurance premiums. The county is working hard on adding a new fire station in Speedville. That would tie in to the South end of the county. Sampson City will have a rescue, and then they will move the rescue from Theresa to Speedville.

Regarding CR 325, the county signed official documents to begin the process of repaving it with FDOT. The city should see road construction by the end of next year or perhaps even sooner. Ms. Hildreth wondered if this was an opportunity for possible coordination with the county's grant and the city's road paving grant. There could be potential savings for both the county and the city.

Commissioner Riddick commented on speeding on 18 and suggested potential speed tables. He said both the Sheriff and FDOT were fine with them. Councilman Mitzel stated speeding was also bad on CR 325 and wanted to know if any sidewalks were being considered. Commissioner Riddick said his projects are third on the

county's list. Councilman Williamson would also like to see sidewalks on the west side of the railroad tracks. Commissioner Riddick added that paving of SE 49th is on the five year plan, scheduled for 2020.

Commissioner Riddick is opposed to closing Hampton elementary. The site on Meng Dairy Road has already been purchased by someone else. Mr. Cooper stated the school board has a site selection committee. They have ranked two properties on Mullins Grade. The primary motivation is the need for access to water and sewer. They have authorized initial conversations with the property owners. There is also a need is to find out where the school board is at with funding for the project from Tallahassee.

B. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters

There were a couple of water leaks this month - nothing major. A water meter was located on 61st Ave that we didn't know we had. Swamp Cutters donated two days of work (labor, equipment, gas) down at the ball field. The bathrooms at the parks have been getting really nasty, it's a reoccurring mess. A decision needs to be made to either lock them, put up cameras, or another solution. Ms. Hildreth said they should be cleaned every day. Councilman Mitzel suggested opening them in the morning and locking them at night. Ms. Hildreth will research with other local communities as to how they handle their public bathrooms and vandalism.

Dollar weed is coming up again in the mulch. It has been sprayed but it is not really working. Mr. Davis suggested putting down weed barrier and re-mulching. Ms. Hildreth stated we have money in the budget to do the work. Councilman Bryant asked about the boundaries of mowing on 18 where it stops at his business' driveway but does not go all the way out to city limits. Mr. Harper stated this was the routine he was initially trained to do - in the future he will take care of it. Vice Chairman Mitzel inquired about the county donating clay for the ball field (they have done it in the past). Commissioner Riddick will look into it.

C. Clerk's Report

- FEMA – the city received initial approval for 85% reimbursement (of \$4,000 for debris removal and \$350 for administrative costs). It is in the review process.
- Rails/Trails Cleanup – Kevin Patton has agreed to clean up their right of way portion, but outside of that would be the city's responsibility. We would need to get volunteers.
- Department of Financial Services – State Revenue checks will now be direct deposited into our bank account. The city needed to do this in order for quicker turnaround on the FDOT SCOP grant reimbursement.
- RIVER Grant #2: Bid package complete and being reviewed by Bernard Carter. Hopefully it will go out for RFP advertisement next week.
- Still working with SRWMD on ACOE study for the Flooding/Drainage Master Plan.
- RIVER grant # 3 did not make the December cut (small leftover funding from previous cycles – only a few grants were awarded). It will be revisited in the May programming cycle.
- Meeting with Andy Easton regarding various grants on Monday.
- Code Enforcement – Followed up with Christy Hudson, all properties reported are compliant or moving towards compliance. She will be out tomorrow to check on the Hall

property. She is waiting on the council's decision on the Woodard property. Ms. Hildreth has only had the 3 initial complaints on properties received in November. One citizen came in today and a new one was filed. Code enforcement is complaint driven .

- Rick Crews has provided some initial rate proposal changes and these have been provided to the council. Please review. The council will be having a workshop once the draft ordinance is complete.
- The city has purchased baseball bases/home plate/pitcher's mound for Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park (\$300 – money in culture and recreation budget). Mr. Steve Varnum will be organizing ball games.
- Still have hotel and registration open for the IEMO scheduled for June 2 – 4th in Tampa. If any council member is interested please let the clerk know. It is refundable until May.
- NEFLC dinner meeting will be held in Starke this Thursday.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ALL MATTERS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA AER CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION IN THE FORM LISTED BELOW. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. BACKUPDOCUMENTAION AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THESE ITEMS.

- A. Approval of City Council meeting minutes from 1/10/17.
- B. Financials/Account Payables for January, 2017

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mitzel to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 4 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS: None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Woodard Special Exception

City Clerk

Ms. Hildreth explained that when Ms. Hudson, from county code enforcement, was investigating an adjoining property she noticed there were many farm animals at the Woodard residence (goats, chickens, ducks, etc.). At one point two cows were also on the property but have since been removed, Ms. Woodard explained that her son is allergic to cow's milk and chicken eggs so he needs goat's milk and duck eggs. Mayor Williams stated he read her letter very carefully, trying to get a sense for the main motive. Obviously, they have an extensive history of owning farm animals, but the core issue is with food allergies. He stated researching WEB MD could provide an alternative solution for this problem. For milk allergies a product that will work is Almond Milk. When being asked to put aside an ordinance, Mayor Williams believes some type of compromise can be found, but farm animals should be out. Councilman Bryant understands the issue and he doesn't have a problem with ducks and chickens. Councilwoman Sams asked if people have people complained and Ms. Woodard said no – that her neighbors are fine with it. Mr. Cooper explained that this special exception only applies to this particular circumstance.

Motion made by Councilman Bryant to allow a special exception to Ms. Woodard to keep ducks and chickens only, seconded by Councilman Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

- B. Vacant/Abandoned Property Tabled City Clerk
- C. HVFD/Bradford County Lease City Attorney

Mr. Cooper has reviewed the lease. Bradford County will maintain the premises in the same manner it is and they are carrying the insurance, which is important. Another item of note is that the term of the lease is for 99 years; however we can cancel within 30 days upon written notice.

Motion made by Councilman Bryant to approve and execute HVFD/Bradford County Lease, seconded by Vice Chairman Mitzel. Passed 4-0

- D. FDOT SCOP Grant MOA City Clerk

Ms. Hildreth presented the FDOT SCOP Grant Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Cooper has reviewed and approved its content. The day that FDOT executes is the date when the contract takes effect. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mitzel to approve and execute the FDOT SCOP Grant MOA, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 4 - 0

- E. FMIT Matching Safety Grant City Clerk

Ms. Hildreth explained that Florida Municipal Insurance Trust has yearly safety grants, based on the premium paid by the city. We would qualify for \$1,000, with our match being \$1,000. She has discussed the city's needs with Mr. Davis and determined that purchasing more traffic cones, men at work signs and barriers is necessary. One traffic cone is \$100.00. If awarded the grant, we would purchase 10 traffic cones and the remainder in barricades and safety signage. Councilman Bryant commented that he has seen Mr. Davis' employees working unsafely in the streets without proper protection.

Motion made by Councilman Bryant to apply for the FMIT Matching Safety Grant, seconded by Vice Chairman Mitzel. Passed 4 - 0

8. City Attorney Report

Mr. Cooper informed the council that the city was outbid for the Hasz property. Mr. Hoyer purchased it for \$6,200. Mr. Cooper believes it is still a benefit as the property will now be cleaned up and will go back on the tax rolls. We will be refunded in full the money we spent to purchase the tax liens.

9. Council general announcements/discussions

None

10. Adjourn

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL NAY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING, THEY WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED AS DETERMINED BY CITY COUNCIL. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS (SOMETIMES REFERED TO AS LOBBYING OR INFORMATION GATHERING) BETWEEN A COUNCIL MEMBER AND OTHERS WHERE THERE IS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION REGARDING A QUASI-JUDICIAL DECISION BY THE CITY COUNCIL MUST BE DISCLOSED BY THE COUNCIL SO THE PUBLIC MAY RESPOND TO SUCH COMMENTS BEFORE A VOTE IS TAKEN. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

Dan Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk