

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20th, 2020, 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: Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Invocation followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL – City Clerk– Councilwoman Dot Shealey, Vice Chairman Doug Williamson, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Councilwoman Lillian Sams and Councilman Frank Bryant. Chairman Bill Goodge was absent (excused). City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton were present.

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

1. Public Hearings:

2. Resolutions:

3. Proclamations:

4. Presentations:

A. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis stated the mulch has been distributed at the parks and the new cameras are up. The Sheriff's office has been coming out. There is high vehicle traffic on the inside of the park. People have been dumping bagged garbage. Changed out the check valves in the water yard, which should stop them from slamming shut. Also put new locks on the water yard gate and door as somebody had gotten in and turned off the breakers. He was asked about the bathrooms at Bobbie Sheppard park and he advised they remain closed. In order to open them many vandalized items would need to be replaced. Ms. Hildreth feels due to Covid 19 it should remain closed, we don't have the manpower to keep it clean and sanitized. At City Park they keep breaking off the lock and the door handle. Two basketball backstops have been shattered (\$800 each). They will not be replaced at this time. He believes we should take down the ball field fence. Hope Baptist was supposed to use it and maintain it. Ms. Hildreth advised that one picnic table at the park had been stolen and a second one destroyed. Mr. Davis believes the parks should be completely fenced in to keep our auto traffic and dogs.

B. Clerk/Admin Report

State Historical Grant – Ms. Hildreth participated in the grant application review via webinar. The following morning was the scoring and ranking. Applicants had to score at least an 80. We did and were number 51 out of 52 that made the cut. (\$25,000). Now it has to go to the legislature and survive the Governor's veto (last year they did not) - with Covid revenue shortfalls we will have to see. But at least we know we can hit the mark. She also requested the scoring sheet and comments to see where we can improve if we need to reapply.

It's been very busy with end of month activities and, especially, end of year/beginning of year activities for both Merri Lee and I. Many various reporting requirements come due such as the EDR, FMIT Audit, Public Depositor Annual Report, FDOT Centerline Report, etc.

TRIM and Budget final certification of compliance documentation completed and submitted.

RIVER #4 is still moving along.

ACOE – She has a meeting next Thursday with them and the engineer to discuss the draft results of their flooding and drainage study and potential funding sources for design, engineering and construction phases. Already looking at potential funding from CDBG- MIT for next year's second round. She attended a webinar about DEO's new Rural Infrastructure Fund grant - yet another potential funding source.

CDBG – Billed out \$46,000 in housing rehabilitation funding and program management. One more final billing to go for the last house. Then will work with DEO on monitoring and all close out reporting requirements. Also filed all required quarterly reports.

FMIT Safety Grant – In order to not lose FY 2019 match, mulch for the parks was ordered. This is a frequent safety maintenance need. We still can have a \$1,000 match for 2020.

Rails to Trails paving plans are moving forward. There will be a virtual plan review next week. I spoke with FDOT about the paving of the parking lot at Bobbie Sheppard but Mr. Bennet said there was no funding source yet. Bradford County needs to file for a Transportation Alternative Project on our behalf. Ms. Hildreth spoke with the County Manager who said she will present to Commission. The problem is the county can only have two open applications at a time and prioritizing our project over some of theirs.

Audit – finishing up on FY 18 with JMCO. They should be presenting same at the November meeting. Then we will start on FY 19.

Feeding NE Florida – A meeting was held with their Executive Director and other staff about potential food pantry service for Hampton. While Catholic Charities provides dry goods once a month, FNEF would have fresh meats and produce and come more often. Looking for a potential location that could be either mobile or permanent.

CARES Act. Individual and business award amounts have increased to \$1,500 and up to \$3,500. Applications are being accepted by Bradford County until 11/22.

FACC Fall Academy is being held virtually. MTW this week and next from 1:30 to 4:30.

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 9/15/20
- B. Financials/Account Payables for September, 2020

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Swamp Cutters Contract

Mayor Wiseman

Councilman Bryant stated he never sees any type of hours. Mr. Davis stated they have a log now that they keep (using Mayor Wiseman's template). The contract does not have set hours. It's 24/7 service and the hours vary.

Councilwoman Shealey – Stated that every quarter they are supposed to do the side streets. Mr. Davis said it's only to trim the trees and does not include mowing. They recently completed Magnolia, Graver, Durden, and Woods. Also Pineland, South Division and Orange. Councilman Bryant says most of the problem is on the northern side of town. Mr. Davis said anything over that which the council wants he will do but there is an associated cost - it's not part of his regular contractual duties.

Vice Chairman Williamson – said nothing in the contract separates the ball field from mowing of the rest of the park. Mr. Davis said we could put a clause in the contract. He has destroyed mowers and blades out there running over chain link fence. Mr. Davis said they try to do their due diligence to make things look good but the city can't sustain them for 40 hours a week. Also there are many behind the scenes activities that he does on his own time.

Mayor Wiseman – He is focused on how the sidewalks and concrete look and around the parks. He would like to see it edged and cleaned up better. It just makes the town look so much better. Mr. Davis said it is a continuing problem as the grass and dirt are higher than the curb and sidewalk. It needs to be dug out and replaced. Ms. Hildreth suggested Mr. Davis develop a phased plan with a priority budget.

Mr. Davis said the sidewalk by the school needs replaced as it is a safety hazard. Vice Chairman Williamson said the east side of 221 is not in the city limits. Ms. Hildreth will contact the county. Councilman Bryant said you can't see school zone flashing light school zone due to hanging tree limbs. Vice Chairman Williamson said that tree limbs also block the stop ahead sign.

Councilwoman Sams had no issues. Chairman Goodge advised Ms. Hildreth to relay that he is satisfied.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. City Attorney Report

Will Sexton

Update City Charter – he is aiming to have it on agenda for the November meeting. He will provide a sample he has put together that will contain the minimum that is necessary. He is open to suggestions. It will be set up the same way we are currently operating. The most important issue is when and how it can be implemented.

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Council had no comments.

Mayor Wiseman is still focused on code enforcement issues. He and Ms. Hildreth met with the county. He is passionate about cleaning up the town. He would like people to take pride in your property. Throwing trash away, cars sitting on blocks – it's a public safety and health issue. Ms. Hildreth will explore some avenues discussed at the county (Updating LDRS – from 1993, a interlocal with the county to use theirs, reaching out to the local Regional Planning Council). We don't have law enforcement presence like we should in Hampton. He has called FHP to do extra patrols in Hampton.

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. EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS (SOMETIMES REFERED TO AS LOBBYING OR INFORMAITON 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 TAKE. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

ATTEST:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator