

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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 Dorothy Shealey, Councilman Frank Bryant, Chair Bill Goodge, Vice Chair Douglas Williamson and Mayor Dale Wiseman. Councilwoman Lillian Sams was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton.

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. Flood Risk Review Meeting/SRWMD – Mr. Leroy Marshall, SRWMD, said they are providing notice that they are preparing new flood maps for the entire Sante Fe basin. It has been a large endeavor that started in 2018. They are now at the Flood Risk Review stage, which provides a chance to comment on these maps before they go preliminary, after that if somebody thinks something is incorrect, those claims would have to be backed up with a report filed by an engineer. Their website has a Virtual Event Space as a public engagement tool interested parties can access to review their individual properties. A list of public meetings was provided.
- B. Deputy Ward – Code Enforcement Presentation – Sheriff Smith has brought down the cost of fines as he would like to see more compliance vs. punishment. Enforcement is complaint driven, and there now is a magistrate coming on board so that they can finally follow through on it. The Sheriff has also purchased decibel meters for enforcing the noise ordinance. They are working with FDOT and FHP

regarding stopping overweight trucks. Mayor Wiseman appreciates the updates, this is what he has been looking for. There will be no anonymous complaints but the City can be the complainant on behalf of those that wish to be anonymous.

C. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters - Sidewalks from the recycle business to the former school still need repaired. Ms. Hildreth will contact the county again as it is their property. He was advised he need receipts to be reimbursed.

D. Clerk/Admin Report –

- Still awaiting CDBG contract for the well. Item on today’s agenda to address land acquisition.
- Still awaiting results from DEP Resilience grant applications.
- Still awaiting CQR/BAS dispute final results.
- Filing AMR proposal for grant funding for AMI, awaiting proposal from vendor.
- LIHWAP, while it could be so beneficial to many residents, is a nightmare logistically – especially for people with no computer/internet access or skills to navigate the complicated process.

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 Council Regular Meeting Minutes from 11//2022
- B. Approval of Council Special Minutes from 12/20/22
- C. Financials/Account Payables for November and December, 2022.

Motion made by Councilwoman Shealey to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 4 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fire Department Building

Chair Goodge

Chair Goodge discussed the possibility of leasing fire department to Michael Heeder, small business owner of the “Funtastic Fire Brigade”. Mr. Heeder advised he is currently based in Starke, has presence in Palatka and has future opportunities in Tallahassee. He discussed various potentials for events (movies in the park, touch a

truck, fire education carnivals, etc.) He is requesting a lease to occupy the empty station, providing many opportunities for a facility to bring people into our community and for the community. He would also like to bring the Christmas parade back. There is potential for him lease the empty property adjacent to the west for parking. He said his current business in the red, but he is looking to make a profit next year. He will be responsible for renovating the inside of the building but asks that we maintain the outside. He is offering to lease it for \$100.00 month. Mayor Wiseman thinks the amount should be \$50.00 per month. Council consensus is it will be a great benefit for the city to. Ms. Hildreth discussed the fact that she has yet to receive a termination letter from the county for their existing lease. She also brought up issues such as liability insurance and utilities. Mr. Sexton will review lease agreement provided by Mr. Heeder.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bobbie Sheppard Memorial Park Improvements City Clerk/Admin

Resident Janeece Mullett stated we can turn around the image of the city, for the positive. Putnam County has done wonders with its Rails to Trails system. This is a perfect opportunity. Ms. Hildreth advised she has been looking into upgrading the bathrooms with a more industrial type design - with institutional style toilets and sinks, adding bike racks, signage, water fountains, garbage cans, security cameras, lighting, etc. This park is the desinated trailhead for this portion of the Rails to Trails and will draw many pedestrians and cyclists. She will work on a plan and potential funding sources to present to the council at a future date.

B. Independent Property Appraisal/Well location City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised that the only potential location for the well is the empty lot owned by Victory Baptist Church. They are interested in selling it but want to know what the city would be willing to pay. She advised Ms. Deen (church representative) that in order to ensure the church received fair market value and that the city uphold its fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers that the city have an independent property appraisal done. The appraisal will cost \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Chair Goodge to have the appraisal done for \$1,000.00, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 4 - 0

8. City Attorney Report - None

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Vice Chairman Williamson questioned how the city is getting fire protection without the county here. He was advised it has not been an operational fire station for many years, and there are no longer active volunteers. Theresa and Sampson City provide coverage for the Hampton area.

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:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator