

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 16th, 2021, 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 - Councilman Frank Bryant, Chairman Bill Godge, Vice Chairman Doug Williamson, Mayor Dale Wiseman and Councilwoman Lillian Sams, Councilwoman Dot Shealey was absent (excused). City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton were also 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:

Presentations:

A. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters - absent

B. Clerk/Admin Report –

- The backup well (well #1) needs to be replaced/relocated. In 2012 a video of the well was done which showed the deterioration and at the time the recommendation was to replace it. The video has not been located. Ms. Hildreth is in discussions with FRWA, SERCAP, SRWMD, Mr. Carter and Mr. Davis. There are many factors to consider such as design, engineering, construction and, of course funding. Ms. Hildreth is working with a consultant from SERCAP on a potential 100% emergency loan based on public health safety. She is also speaking with Victory Baptist Church regarding the potential to purchase the vacant lot across from the water yard as it would be an ideal (and really the only) property.
- The RFQ for an engineer is due 2/18/21. Due to the well issue we need to get them on board as soon as possible as any funding source would require

preliminary engineering plans. We will hold a special meeting on 2/23/21 at 6:00 p.m. to select a firm.

- SRWMD grant - We have advertised the bid for the water main looping project. It is due on 3/4/21 and will be reviewed by the engineer and voted on by council at next month's regular council meeting.
- JLAC continues to monitor our progress in updating our audits.

4. **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 12/15/20

B. Financials/Account Payables for December 2020/January2021

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

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Trademark Electric Estimate

City Clerk/Admin

Council consensus was to get additional written estimates and itemized by line item, including replacing the conduit.

B. Diamond Maps/GIS

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth said that subsequent to FRWA providing Diamond Maps information, she was contacted by a consultant funded through SERCAP to perform ARCGIS services for our water system - at no cost to the city. She recommended pursuing this option first. Council consensus agreed.

7. **City Attorney Report**

Will Sexton

Mr. Sexton provided a draft city charter for council's consideration. He developed it from a combination of several other charters. The primary goal was simple, to be broad enough and cover everything necessary. Each section is broken out. Currently we have a hybrid between council/manager form of government and the weak mayor form of government. Nationally, the council/manager form is the current trend. Bigger cities have the strong Mayor for of government where they act like CEO. In redoing the charter these changes can be made if desired. Council consensus was to maintain our current form of

government. Mr. Sexton is requesting council review the document and then moving forward to take one article at a time and discuss.

8. Council general announcements/discussions

None

Mayor Wiseman stated he drives by the parks on a regular basis. At City Park at night, several cars gather at the pavilion and the same thing happens at Bobbie Sheppard. He firmly believes something needs to be done. The Sheriff's office took on our city as their responsibility when the police department was disbanded but are not providing the level of service that we need. He would like to find out the cost to have a deputy in Hampton a few days a week, especially at night. Another option would be to pay a Marshall part time and have some auxiliary backup. Chairman Goodge feels we can't afford a Marshall. Ms. Hildreth will contact Sheriff Smith.

9. Adjourn

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY 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 REFERRED 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:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator