

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 26th, 2024, 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, Chair Bill Goodge, Vice Chair Doug Williamson and Councilwoman Lillian Sams. Mayor Dale Wiseman and Councilman Frank Bryant were absent. City Clerk/Administrator Mary Lou Hildreth and City Attorney Will Sexton were also in attendance.

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. Deputy Glenn Ward, BSO Deputy Patrols, postponed

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

C. Clerk/Admin Report

- The City's appropriations request through the legislature for 1.1 million for upgrades to the water system was approved for \$550,000. Await governor to sign the budget and hopefully not veto it. Although it is only half of the original amount requested it will certainly assist in covering any overage costs the CDBG grant for the well may not be enough for. Dependent on how much additional funding remains we can look at prioritizing other water system upgrade needs and also request additional funding next legislative session.
- CDBG grant, The engineers are filing a variance request with DEP to enable the well to be located closer to the water yard.

- Still awaiting final close out of the SEARCH grant so we can submit engineering invoices for reimbursement.
- Clerk will have TRIM e-file webinar training on the new Oasys system 4/2.
- Clerk will attend the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) meeting to be held on 4/4.
- Resilience grants: The Planning grant is moving forward. Bradford County has scheduled a kick off meeting for 4/8. The implementation grant is in the design and engineering phase. Still awaiting deliverable approval letter in order to submit invoices for reimbursement. FDEP has changed the template for the quarterly progress report for the third time.
- The Clerk will attend the FMIT conference in Orlando 4/16 – 4/18.
- FRDAP grants – Awaiting outcome (Governor’s signing of the budget).
- FDACs grant – Draft contract reviewed and amended according to instructions from new grant manager. Awaiting executed contract (going on the third week of “in review”). Unable to schedule any contractors until it is received, but it still has a hard end date of 9/30/24, which should not be a problem. The good news is the new roof was finally approved (\$20,000).
- Need to follow up on LDRs with the RPC
- ARC/CRH - The Community Resource Hub is anticipated to open mid 2024. The next food distribution will take place April 3rd. Bradford Food Pantry is requesting Council participation and any other local volunteers. The time to be there is 7:30 a.m. They may not be able to continue the program if they cannot get local volunteers to help distribute the food.
- Form 6 – again, a reminder to review the new reporting requirements and to contact the Commission on Ethics with any questions in advance of the due date.

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 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from February, 2024
- B. Financials/Account Payables for February, 2024

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

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. City Charter

City Attorney

Mr. Sexton said he has determined how to construct the ballot language and will prepare and Ordinance for the next meeting for first reading. Requested council to review the draft Charter once more and advise him of any comments or changes.

B. Ball Field Agreement with Hope Baptist

City Clerk/Admin

Nobody from Hope Baptist nor Swamp Cutters has been in contact regarding specifics for the agreement for use of the ball field.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. City Attorney Report

9. Council general announcements/discussions

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 TAKE. ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AUDIO TAPED.

By:

Dale Wiseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator