

**CITY OF HAMPTON**  
**Minutes, Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 15th, 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** – Councilwoman Dot Shealey, Vice Chairman Douglas Williamson, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Councilman Frank Bryant, and Councilwoman Lillian Sams. Chairman Bill Goodge was absent. 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 - All the streets have been trimmed back and cleaned up. Received parts to repair play ground equipment. Applied weed killer in water yard and right of ways. Installed privacy fencing around water yard. Received inquiry about another new service.
- B. Clerk/Admin Report
  - Still working on the water well relocation, Engineer to provide narrative and estimated budget.
  - May Deputy patrol report is in your back up.
  - American Recovery Act – working with the Florida League of Cities.

**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 5/18//21
- B. Financials/Account Payables for May 2021

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

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

### A. Swamp Cutters Contract

Mayor Wiseman

Councilwoman Shealey questioned the service fee schedule, particularly item 1, \$100 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mr. Davis stated not every water leak gets billed. If it becomes an extensive job requiring additional equipment and personnel needs then there is a charge.

Vice Chairman Williamson still believes mowing the ball park should be in the contract. Ms. Hildreth said she had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Morgan of Hope Baptist who confirmed they are taking care of it. Mayor Wiseman stated we should leave it as it is, if they are willing to maintain the ball field that should be fine.

Councilman Bryant pointed out that wet taps went up over 300%. Mr. Davis explained it was due to the rising cost of equipment and materials and that prices go up yearly. Also, if we have to go under the road to install service there is an additional cost.

Councilwoman Sams had no questions.

Councilwoman Shealey commented that he is requesting an additional \$600 be added to his contract price. Ms. Hildreth pointed out that was not an official proposal, just a discussion at the prior meeting, no vote was taken.

Mayor Wiseman would like council to take into consideration the fact of rising prices and costs - what it costs to do business; insurance, worker's comp, equipment, fuel, employees, etc. Mr. Davis stated just his insurance cost per month has doubled in the past two years, and other costs have tripled.

Vice Chairman Williamson asked if the city was Swamp Cutters only client. Mr. Davis replied that it was not.

Mayor Wiseman stated they should consider his situation and the associated costs or we can go out for bid and see if there is someone out there that will perform the same service for a comparable cost. We need to be objective and not deal in anger. Mr. Davis reminded council of the only other bid we had received the last time the city advertised was for \$2800 per month and that was only for mowing. Not only does he do that, but the water needs as well. In addition, Swamp Cutters is on call 24/7.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. SRWMD Water Looping Bids

City Clerk/Admin

Ms Hildreth provided the bid estimates by the three companies that were received. She pointed out that one company had to increase their final bid one day in advance because they were notified of increased costs by their supplier the prior day.

***Motion made by Councilman Bryant to accept the low bid from U. S. Water Services, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 4 – 0.***

B. DEP Storage Tank Inspection Bids

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised only two bids were received. Two Fold was the lowest bidder. They performed prior work for the city.

***Motion made by Councilman Bryant to award the contract to Two Fold, seconded by Vice Chairman Williamson. Passed 4 – 0.***

**7. City Attorney Report**

Will Sexton

**8. Council general announcements/discussions**

Councilwoman Shealey had questions about the traffic stops performed by the deputy patrol. She would like more detailed information (disposition).

Vice Chairman Williamson brought up a reminder about the cemetery mowing situation. Ms. Hildreth explained the county no longer has the inmates to perform the task due to Covid 19. The Vice Chairman volunteered last month and mowed it for Memorial Day. His son would like the job, if it is not a conflict of interest. He would charge \$300.00 per month. Place on the agenda for next month.

**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 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.

ATTEST:

By:

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Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Admin

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Dale Wiseman, Mayor