

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 17th, 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, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Councilwoman Dorothy Shealey, Councilwoman Lillian Sams, Vice Chairman Douglas Williamson, and Chairman Bill Goodge. 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:

Presentations:

A. Report on Water and Streets – Josh Davis, Swamp Cutters (absent/sick)

B. Clerk/Admin Report –

- Still working on water well relocation, engineer to provide narrative and estimated budget.
- American Recovery Act – We will be receiving \$251,000, half this year and half next year. Paperwork completed. Phone conference with accountant on this and other items. He will calculate revenue loss and we can be reimbursed for that. Determining if we can replace meters with AMI. Very specific parameters on what we can spend it on. Main focus will be on water infrastructure.
- Working on FY 21/22 budgets. Draft water budget completed.
- FY 20 audit process to begin soon. Auditors scheduled for week of 9/27.

- Water looping project is progressing. Engineer will be here Thursday to meet with the contractor.
- First budget hearing will be held 9/7 at 7:00 p.m. The second hearing will be 9/21 (regular meeting).

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 6/15//21 (July meeting canceled).
- B. Financials/Account Payables for June/July2021

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Vice Chairman Williamson. Passed 5 – 0

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 2021/22 Water Rates City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised the current CPI is 5.4%, recommended the city increase by 4%. We did not do an increase last year. Prior two years we did.

Motion to approve recommended rate increase made by Chairman Goodge, seconded by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 5 - 0

- B. Mowing of Cemetery City Clerk/Admin

Table – Chairman Goodge to check with the Sheriff’s office to see if/when they will get inmate crews back.

- C. Deputy Patrol Review City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth asked the council if they want to continue paying for the deputy patrols (so she can calculate that in the upcoming budget). The council consensus was to invite the Sheriff’s designee to discuss at the next meeting. Traffic stops are on the low side. Mayor Wiseman believes having the law enforcement presence makes a difference but it seems like we aren’t seeing as many in town. Normally, there is only one deputy patrolling the North part of the county and one in the South. Chairman Goodge stated they are trying to keep people out of the jails due to Covid. Councilman Bryant thinks we should continue until first of the year and give it a little more time. Ms. Hildreth will contact Captain Mueller/Major Konkel.

D. CDBG – MIT Grant

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised she is working with the engineer and Andy Easton to apply for the CDBG-MIT grant to implement the Army Corps of Engineer’s flooding/drainage study. It is a no match grant. The amount is \$2.1 million dollars. It is due 9/17/21.

Motion made to approve applying for the CDBG – MIT grand made by Chairman Goodge, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 5 - 0

7. City Attorney Report

Will Sexton

Nothing to report.

8. Council general announcements/discussions

Mayor Wiseman is concerned about full culverts/ditches around town, worried kids might get hurt and could potentially be a liability.

Vice Chairman Williamson is concerned about the missing grate by the cemetery as well as safety issues at that intersection.

9. 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 PROCEEDINS 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

