

CITY OF HAMPTON
Minutes, Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 24th, 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 Dot Shealey, Mayor Dale Wiseman, Chair Bill Goodge, Vice Chair Douglas Williamson, Councilman Frank Bryant and Councilwoman Lillian Sams. 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:

- A. Resolution 2024 – 04, Resolution Adopting Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023/2024; Proposed Millage Rate 2.000/\$25,505.45 (95%) Yearly Ad Valorem.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 made by Chair Goodge, seconded by Councilman Bryant. Passed 5 - 0

- B. Resolution 2024 – 05, Resolution Adopting the Budget for the City of Hampton, Florida for the Fiscal Year 2024/25; Proposed Budgets General Fund/Water Fund

Motion to approve Resolution 2024 – 05 made by Councilman Bryant, approved by Councilwoman Shealey. Passed 5 - 0

2. Resolutions:

3. Proclamations:

4. Presentations:

- A. Florida League of Mayors/Business Watch City Catalyst Grant Award Presentation, Scott Dudley – cancelled due to hurricane.
- B. BSO Deputy Patrols/Ford Property Code Enforcement Updates, Deputy Ward – Apologized for not making any meetings recently, has now pledged to attend

meetings in the future (either him or Captain Mueller). Regarding the Ford property, he spoke to the owner who stated they are moving their operation over by the Armory in Starke. A presentation was recently made to the Bradford County Commission about RVs parked on residential properties for extended periods and the Sheriff is going to get more aggressive. He is also currently working in Hampton on the Perryman properties. He will be going back on day shift, which will enable him to better address these issues. Vice Chair Williamson commented about overgrown lots on CR 325. Deputy Ward has 80 active cases currently on 700 properties around the county that are in disarray. He is hoping to another code person hired to assist with the backlog. He has instructed his deputies to visit City Hall, check the parks, go in the Sunoco and generally be seen around town. If we see someone not being responsive obtain their car number and the date and time, and he will address it. BCSO is keeping Hampton at the current rate (\$32/hour) as opposed to the new rate (\$37) as a show of good faith to take care of the town.

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

D. Clerk/Admin Report

- Legislative Appropriation Funds: Working with the engineer and the State on the finalization of the Agreement Initiation Form.
- FRDAP grants – Awaiting contracts for both grants. We have received the title searches for the boundary surveys for both parks.
- CDBG grant – Engineers are awaiting permit from SRWMD.
- Still awaiting final close out of the SEARCH grant so we can submit engineering invoices for reimbursement.
- Resilience grants: Planning grant continues to move forward Implementation grant is now at 100% design/engineered. Engineers now working on the bid packages. Received the Deliverable Acceptance letter on the implementation grant so she can now submit for reimbursement.
- Lead and Copper sampling has been completed and has been submitted to DEP.
- Working with the vendor to schedule repairs to the paint on the slides.
- ARC/CRH –THE CRC is now open to the public the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10 – 2. Reminder that the “blessing box” for non-perishable foods for the public is active Please let your friends, family, neighbors, congregations, etc. know that there is a need for donations. Their Fall Fest will be held at 10:00 a.m. on 9/28.
- Historical Grant Review scheduled for tomorrow cancelled due to the hurricane.
- OAYSIS training, the new Department of Revenue portal for TRIM, tomorrow morning from 9 – 11.

- City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday due to the hurricane.
- Ms. Hildreth will be on vacation 10/9 through 10/18. She will have her laptop and phone and Merri Lee will fill in a few days.

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 August 27, 2024
- B. Approval of Special City Council Minutes from September 10, 2024
- C. Financials/Account Payables for August, 2024

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda by Vice Chair Williamson, seconded by Councilwoman Sams. Passed 5 - 0

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Funtastic Fire Brigade Rent City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth felt that the rent we are charging for use to the former fire department building as no enough (especially compared to market rate). She suggested the city raise it to \$100.00 per month – which is what Mr. Heeder originally offered.

Motion to approve new rental amoung of \$100.00 made by Councilwoman Shealey, seconded by Vice Chair Williamson. Passed 5 - 0

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BSMP Ballfield Use Agreement City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised we currently have Bradford Youth Athletics using and maintaining the field and they wish to use it year round. Hope Baptist's season is the end of February to the beginning of May, but the two groups schedules are incompatible during that time. Mayor Wiseman feels that Hope Baptist has the first right to use the field as they have been using it for many years. However, they need to enter into a written agreement with the city that they maintain the field year round. Discussion regarding potential other fields that could be used – The Arc, Theresa, Waldo, Melrose, etc.

- B. The Net Group Contract City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth advised we currently pay quarterly for website maintenance (\$300 per quarter). Mr. Thorton is requesting a rate increase to \$2,000.00 per year and to pay it on an annual basis to save time on billing/payments.

Motion made to increase the contract and to pay it annually as presented, seconded by Chair Goodge. Passed 5 - 0

C. Streets/Mowing & Water Services Estimates

City Clerk/Admin

Ms. Hildreth presented the terms for services needed to ensure the council was in agreement. The main item for mowing was to discontinue the mowing of one strip of right of way on the side streets. She also mentioned the water services would likely be sole source and plans on requesting pricing based on an as need basis (per job) without a monthly contractual fee. Consensus of the council agreed.

8. City Attorney Report

9. Council general announcements/discussions

Vice Chair Williamson expressed concern about bicyclists' safety on CR 18 and would like to inquire with the county about having some sort of signage signifying to share the road, especially at the west end of the rails to trails.

10. 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