

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010, 5:30 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Diane Weldin at 5:30 p.m. Council members in attendance were Steve Harms, Craig Eckhardt, Bill Hodge and Richard Lukensmeyer. Karen Schmidt and Jim Davies were absent. Mayor Weldin invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Weldin called for a motion to approve the **agenda**. Motion by Harms. Second by Lukensmeyer. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council; none.

Mayor Weldin opened Vicious Animal Hearing reference a dog with vicious tendencies, owned by Dallas McDonald, 614 2nd Avenue NW, Hampton, Iowa. Mayor Weldin referred comment to Chief Beltran for details of the complaint. Chief Beltran informed the Council that both dogs listed on the agenda for vicious animal hearings have already been removed from the city limits by the owners; one in Iowa Falls (McDonald) and one at 2008 190th Avenue in Franklin County (Garcia). Mayor Weldin offered opportunity to the owner or any others wishing to address the Council on the matter; none. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Harms, to declare the dog in question as vicious, and Order of the City Council to be served to the owners, requiring permanent removal of the dog from the City limits as allowed under Code Section 56.02 or have it destroyed in a humane manner within three (3) days, and providing evidence of the disposition of the animal to the City of Hampton. Roll call vote: Ayes - Harms, Hodge, Lukensmeyer, and Eckhardt. Nays - None. Schmidt and Davies absent. Motion approved and Council Order to be served on the owner by the Police Department to permanently remove the dog from the city limits.

Mayor Weldin opened Vicious Animal Hearing reference unprovoked attacks by a dog, owned by Tricia K. Garcia, 315 5th Avenue SE, Hampton. Mayor Weldin referred comment to Chief Beltran for details of the complaint, clarifying this dog was removed to rural Franklin County. Hodge verified that the Sheriff's office would be notified of this; Beltran advised yes. Mayor Weldin offered opportunity to the owner or any others wishing to address the Council on the matter, none. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Harms, to declare the dog in question as vicious, and Order of the City Council to be served to the owners, requiring permanent removal of the dog from the City limits as allowed under Code Section 56.02 or have it destroyed in a humane manner within three (3) days, and providing evidence of the disposition of the animal to the City of Hampton. Roll call vote: Ayes - Eckhardt, Lukensmeyer, Harms, and Hodge. Nays - None. Schmidt and Davies absent. Motion approved and Council Order to be served on the owner by the Police Department to permanently remove the dog from the city limits.

Committee Reports: Finance and Personnel report given by Eckhardt, who read minutes of the last meeting and stated committee recommendations to approve the proposed fund transfers for Capital Projects, listed later on the agenda. City Services report given by Harms, advised their April meeting was canceled, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 4th. Public Assets report given by Hodge; next meeting scheduled for April 20th, at 5:30 p.m.

New Business: Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding the Goal Setting Report submitted by Jeff Schott of the Institute of Public Affairs. Dunt highlighted several of the points included in the report. Lukensmeyer expressed interest in City conducting a poll of citizens for

what they want. Motion by Harms, seconded by Lukensmeyer, to approve the Goal Setting Report submitted by Jeff Schott, Institute of Public Affairs. Motion approved.

Mayor Weldin called on structural engineer, Bill Bossenberger, to give a report of his findings of the condition of the Hampton Band Shell. He advised the current status of the structure is overall unsafe, including recent discoveries of supports of the stage floor being weak and not likely to withstand another winter exposure. Mayor Weldin referred the matter to Public Assets and Finance & Personnel Committees for consideration of options the City might have to bring before full Council at a later date. Dunt will invite contractor Larry Adams to attend as a consultant for committee review.

Sandee Brouwer of Sandee's Flower House, Inc., 707 4th Street NE, addressed and Council and fielded their questions regarding her application for new liquoring licensing at her business. Brouwer advised she hopes to sell Iowa wines with gift baskets; no serving of wine would be involved in the licensing she's seeking. Action of the application scheduled under the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Weldin called on the Hampton Fire Department (Jeff Ferris, Kent Wilkinson and Dan Schipper) regarding their request for local match on a FEMA grant application for use in purchasing gear. The Fire Department also asked for additional funding to pay the balance for improvements to one of the fire trucks. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Harms, to authorize City staff to issue a check, not to exceed \$9,500, toward the fire truck expense. Discussion clarified that FEMA match would come out of current budget for the Fire Department. Motion approve unanimously.

Brook Boehmler, Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Director, gave an activity report for the Chamber, as well as for the Franklin County Tourism Board. He reported Spruce Up Day is scheduled for May 7th. and 8th., and will include the option for hauling of leaves and sticks to the compost site.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding proposed transfer of surplus bond reserves in the amount of \$354,403, and Local Option Sales Tax funds in the amount of \$441,289.73 to the Capital Project Aquatic Center Fund for construction expenses. Dunt explained the surplus bond reserves are from completed projects for which bonds were issued that no longer have existing debt. The proposed amount from the L.O.S.T. Fund, which is designated for pool expenses, represents the current fund balance. Dunt added that the City will continue receive from the State a monthly payment of 1% of the sales tax collected locally, which is currently designated for the pool. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Eckhardt, to approve the transfer of surplus bond reserves in the amount of \$354,403 and L.O.S.T. funds in the amount of \$441,289.73 to Capital Project Aquatic Center Fund for construction expenses. Motion carried.

Mayor Weldin called on City Manager Dunt to review details of the proposed transfer of T.I.F. funds in the amount of \$550,000 to Capital Project Highway 65 Improvement Fund, committed to the Highway 65 construction. Motion by Harms, seconded by Hodge, to approve the transfer of T.I.F. funds in the amount o \$550,000 to Capital Project Highway 65 Improvement Fund, committed to the Highway 65 construction. Motion carried.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Eckhardt to approve claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, totaling \$312,186.05. Seconded by Harms. It was noted that total included two payrolls since the last regular session and liability insurance premium for the City vehicles. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Lukensmeyer to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the March 23, 2010, Regular Session, scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, April 27, 2010, and approval of initial Liquor Licensing for Sandee's Flower House, Inc., 707 4th Street NE, and renewal of Liquor Licensing for Pamida #3123, 808 4th Street SE, both of Hampton, Iowa. Second by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept., providing an update on nuisance enforcement, and **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director, noted the progress on the beginning stages of the Highway 65 improvements underway. **Ron Dunt**, City Manager, had nothing to report.

Council Report given by **Eckhardt**, reminding motorists to be watchful of kids in dealing with traffic routes caused by the highway project. He also welcomed Al Brandt back from his training at the Law Enforcement Academy. Lukensmeyer, Hodge and Harms had nothing to report. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**, expressing thanks to the Make A Splash! Committee for their efforts in raising funds for the aquatic center project, as well as her appreciation to the Police Department with their extra patrol of school traffic during the highway project.

Motion to adjourn by Hodge at 6:54 p.m. Second by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment 6:54 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin