

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009, 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 Patrick Palmer, Bill Hodge, Chad Hanson, Karen Schmidt, Craig Eckhardt and Steve Harms. 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 Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Committee Reports: **Finance and Personnel** report given by Eckhardt, with questions fielded regarding police vehicle concerns and proposed revisions to part-time dispatcher wages being explored. The committee recommended the hiring of Heitland Excavation, Inc., for pool demolition. City Manager Dunt reviewed the proposed contract. Motion by Eckhardt, seconded by Harms, **to hire Heitland Excavation, Inc., for pool demolition**; authorizing the Mayor to sign contract for same in the amount of not to exceed \$39,000. Motion approved unanimously. The committee, also, recommended the **City establish a separate fund** for contributions received by the **“Make a Splash Campaign”** for the construction of a new pool, and begin control of said and future contributions. City Manager Dunt explained the proposal. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Harms, to approve the City of Hampton establishing a separate fund for contributions received by the “Make a Splash Campaign” for the construction of a new pool, and begin control over said and future contributions, beginning January 1, 2010. Eckhardt announced he would abstain from this vote, due to conflict of interest as a Franklin County Charitable Foundation board member. Motion approved with five in favor, and one abstention (Eckhardt). **City Services** report given by Palmer, recommending the City proceed with the **Bathhouse Building Style #2** for the pool design presented by Water’s Edge Aquatic Design. Motion by Palmer, seconded by Schmidt, to proceed with the pool design presented by Water’s Edge Aquatic Design for Bathhouse Building Style #2. Motion approved unanimously. **Public Assets** report given by Hodge; next meeting scheduled for December 15th.

New Business: Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding the **Airport Capital Improvement Plan paperwork** that needs to be approved for submission to the Iowa D.O.T. and F.A.A. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Palmer, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Airport Capital Improvement Plan Data Sheet and Sponsor Assurance for the Hampton Municipal Airport to be submitted to the Iowa D.O.T. and F.A.A. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Eckhardt to approve claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, totaling \$203,738.16. Seconded by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Hanson to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the November 24, 2009, Regular Session, and scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, December 22, 2009. Second by Eckhardt. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept., noting updates to nuisance enforcement and reminders that the Snow Ordinance is in effect, with parking tickets costing \$25.00. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director; snow plows are out, alleys are being plowed, and he noted that the Highway 65

North was opened by the Iowa D.O.T. at approximately 4:00 p.m. yesterday. **Ron Dunt**, City Manager, congratulated Buresh Building Systems in their decision to establish business in the industrial park. He also encouraged everyone to check out the City's new website at www.hamptonia.us, and expressed appreciation for everyone's patience with the highway project.

Council Reports given by **Palmer**, expressing thanks to Dunt and Tarr for their work on the highway project. **Eckhardt** inquired about consideration of posting "authorized personnel only" signs on City properties, expressed congratulations to Buresh Building Systems, and voiced concerns about whether or not the Fire Department Association has acquired its tax exempt status for donations it receives. Hodge, Hanson, Schmidt and Harms had nothing to report. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**, urging property owners to be patient with alley maintenance issues, and she expressed her congratulations to Buresh Building Systems, as well.

Motion to adjourn by Hodge at 6:06 p.m. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 6:06 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin