

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Diane Weldin at 7:03 p.m. Council members in attendance were Patrick Palmer, Bill Hodge, Chad Hanson, Karen Schmidt and Craig Eckhardt. Steve Harms 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 Hodge. 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. City Services report given by Palmer. Public Assets report given by Hodge; next meeting July 21st, which may be canceled.

New Business: Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Attorney Mike Cross regarding a request that the City's water deposit be waived for a rental customer, who set up an account nine years. With recent discovery of rental status of the property, the meter deposit was requested of the tenant. Cross recommended the deposit be made; however, if they want to exempt it, this would have to be done by ordinance. Legal counsel for the tenant, Brian Miller, requested the City Council rule the deposit be waived, citing the customer has been in good standing for the duration, as well as other considerations. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Hanson, to authorize the City Manager to waive the current meter deposit policy in regard to the request submitted on Ron Pinta's behalf for reconsideration of the collection of a meter deposit. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin called on Chief Ray Beltran regarding a **dog bite incident** investigated by the Police Department. Beltran introduced newly hired officers, Joel McWilliams and Al Brandt, and referred comment to Lt. Bob Schaefer for details of the dog bite investigation. Schaefer reviewed information provided to the Council, noting the incident involved four dogs belonging to Jackie & Mark Whipple. The victim was unable to identify which of the dogs bit her and stated she may have stepped on one of the dog's feet prior to the bite. Citations were issued reference violations for vaccination, licensing and dogs at large. Question posed to the City Council was whether or not to conduct a vicious animal hearing with the evidence presented. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Palmer, to table the matter and refer the decision to the Police Department. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding the construction progress report for the Airport Lighting Improvement Project. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Palmer, to approve the **Construction Progress Report for the Airport Lighting Improvement Project**. 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 \$257,263.32, noting several pool refunds were included. Seconded by Schmidt. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin offered a third and final reading of **Ordinance No. 314, "An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hampton, Iowa, 2009, Chapter 15, "Mayor", Sub-section 15.04 Compensation, increasing annual salary."** No request voiced for it being read aloud. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Hanson, to approve an adopt Ordinance No. 314. Roll call vote: Ayes - Palmer,

Hanson, Hodge, Eckhardt and Schmidt. Nays - None. Harms absent. Motion approved, and Ordinance No. 314 adopted; effective upon its publication in the Hampton Chronicle on July 22, 2009.

Mayor Weldin offered a third and final reading of **Ordinance No. 315, "An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hampton, Iowa, 2009, Chapter 17 "City Council", Sub-section 17.06 Compensation, increasing salary for meetings."** Motion by Palmer, seconded by Hanson, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 315. Roll call vote: Ayes - Palmer, Eckhardt, Schmidt, Hanson and Hodge. Nays - None. Harms absent. Motion approved, and Ordinance No. 315 adopted; effective upon its publication in the Hampton Chronicle on July 22, 2009.

Motion by Palmer to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the Tuesday, June 23, 2009, Regular Session, previous minutes as drafted for publication from the Wednesday, July 1, 2009, Special Session, and scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, July 28, 2009. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept., and **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director. City Manager Ron Dunt had nothing to report.

Council Reports given by **Eckhardt, Schmidt, Hanson** and **Palmer**; noted that people need to make an effort to attend meetings. Hodge had nothing to report. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**, encouraging the public to listen to the radio and read the newspaper to be well informed on City matters.

Motion to adjourn by Hanson at 7:55 p.m. Second by Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin