

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 and Craig Eckhardt. Steve Harms was 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 Hanson. Second by Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. Pat Sackville, of the Make a Splash Committee, reported \$66,355 has been pledged so far for the aquatic center project, challenging the City Council to match this steering committee pledge.

Dick Lukensmeyer, 616 12th Avenue NW, requested a committee be established to look into other potential improvements to the Progress Park master plan. Mayor Weldin referred request to the City Services Committee for consideration.

**Committee Reports:** Finance and Personnel report given by Eckhardt; next meeting scheduled for October 5th at 5:30 pm. City Services report given by Palmer; next meeting scheduled for October 5th at 4:30 pm. Public Assets report given by Hodge; next meeting scheduled for October 20th at 5:30 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting read by Palmer.

**New Business:** Mayor Weldin called on Chief Ray Beltran regarding the approval of Joel Vinson as a Reserve Police Officer. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Palmer, to approve Joel Vinson as a Reserve Police Officer, authorizing him to carry firearms upon acquiring State firearms certification. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to Kent Zarley of SVPA Architects, Inc., regarding proposed master plan for Progress Park. Zarley presented information for proposed park layout and estimated costs. Jason Gooder of Franklin County Conservation, and Steve Kline of Leslie Kline Lukas & Associates, provided additional information regarding updates from Rolling Prairie Trail Committee and the potential for local match funds that could be sought through Federal grant options to enhance the project. It was clarified that approval of the proposed plan would be necessary to proceed with any grant application process, without any spending commitments necessary at this time. Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Palmer, to approve the proposed master plan for Progress Park, submitted by SVPA Architects. Inc. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to award Housing Rehabilitation contract for 611 7th Street SW, to Huisenga Construction in the amount of \$22,766.00. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Hanson. It was noted this is part of the CDBG Program. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Schmidt, to award Housing Rehabilitation contract for 612 8th Street SW, to Huisenga Construction in the amount of \$23,174.00. 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 \$130,947.99. Seconded by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Weldin referred reading of Resolution 2009-19, "Accepting work on the Lighting Improvements Project for the Hampton Municipal Airport, by contract with Voltmer Electric, Inc., dated May 8, 2009." to City Manager Dunt. Motion by Hodge, seconded by Hanson, to approve and adopt Resolution 2009-19. Roll call vote: Ayes - Schmidt, Eckhardt, Hanson, Hodge and Palmer. Nays - None. Harms absent. Motion approved and Resolution 2009-19 adopted.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding Resolution 2009-20, "A Resolution accepting and approving the City Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009." Motion by Palmer, seconded by Hanson, to approve and adopt Resolution 2009-20. Roll call vote: Ayes - Palmer, Eckhardt, Hodge, Schmidt and Hanson. Nays - None. Harms absent. Motion approved and Resolution 2009-20 adopted.

Motion by Eckhardt to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the September 8, 2009, Regular Session, scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, October 13, 2009, and approval or renewal of liquor licensing for Morelo's, 115 1st Street NW, Hampton, Iowa. Second by Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports** given by **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept.; several Salvation Army special project funds awarded, acknowledging PD secretary for her work on this effort. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director; updates on the Hwy 65 Project and progress on condemnation of abandoned properties. **Ron Dunt**, City Manager; thanks to Vinson for beginning training as a Reserve Officer, comments regard CDBG Program and gratitude for the success of the Eric Podolan Benefit.

**Council Reports** given by **Eckhardt, Schmidt, Hanson, Hodge** and **Palmer**; comments regarding CDBG Program benefits, congratulations to Kiwanis for their contribution to the Make a Splash Campaign, appreciation for vision of proposed Progress Park plan, congratulations to Hanson on his election to the school board, disappointment in some citizens not running for Council, attendance by some City officials at League of Cities Conference in Davenport the next three days, suggestion for student involvement in Council activities, and congratulations to the Fire Dept. with the arrival of a new truck. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**; hopes that kids don't cause problems with vandalism in celebration of Homecoming Week and encouragement of public attendance at committee meetings to offer input on issues being reviewed for Council consideration and action.

Motion to adjourn by Palmer at 6:55 p.m. Second by Hodge. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjournment 6:55 p.m.**

Attest:

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Ron Dunt, City Manager

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Mayor Diane Weldin