

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009, 5:30 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Special 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 Hanson. Second by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council.

New Business: Mayor Weldin called on Thad Long of SVPA Architects to review of information regarding the FEMA storm shelter grant. It was reported that given the time constraints associated with the grant, it is virtually impossible for a contractor to commit to the project, with the potential delays from weather conditions and acquisition of special materials for this type of structure. The resulting costs of the risk would fall squarely on the City. Once this project is bid, if there are any issues with the bidding process or other unknown issues that would require any time extensions, there simply is no cushion to allow for such unknowns. If the City opts to proceed with accepting the grant, it risks bearing the entire expense of the project without FEMA funding. This is a risk with which the City staff, project engineer and architect are uncomfortable.

Construction plans for a pool bath house with and without the storm shelter were presented to the Council for comparison review.

The Mayor asked for further public input. Jim Davies, Dick Lukensmeyer, and James Kent, all of Hampton, expressed their opinions that the time frame was not workable with the grant. After much discussion by council and staff, motion by Palmer, seconded by Schmidt, to direct City staff to notify the Iowa Department of Homeland Security that the City of Hampton is denying the FEMA Grant Award Agreement No. PDMC-PJ-07-IA-2007-0023 01, reference the Storm Shelter/Bath House Project, due to time constraints and variables out of the City's control. Schmidt and Eckhardt commended Doug Tarr for his suggestion to incorporate a storm shelter with the pool plans and efforts that led to the grant being awarded. Roll call vote: Ayes - Schmidt, Hanson, Harms, Palmer, Eckhardt and Harms. Nays - None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Harms at 5:54 p.m. Second by Hodge. Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment 5:54 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Diane Weldin