

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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, Craig Eckhardt and Steve Harms. Karen Schmidt 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 Harms. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Mayor Weldin acknowledged Tim Moreau and Andy Smith of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc., who gave an update on the progress of the Highway 65 Project. They commented on construction delays being the result of rainy weather conditions, and unrelated to side street access restrictions, which were established by project engineers to protect the City's streets from potential heavy equipment damages before bid letting of the project began. They also provided information in regards to a previously submitted petition for the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Highway 65 from 12th Avenue NE to Harriman Park. Mayor Weldin referred this to the Public Assets Committee for consideration; encouraging all those who signed the petition to attend their next meeting.

Mayor Weldin invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. **Dick Lukensmeyer**, 616 12th Avenue NE, addressed the Council with comments on the **proposed placement of a safe walking and biking path between Harriman Park and 12th Avenue**, either along Highway 65 or possibly Federal Street; encouraging more public input on the matter.

**James Kent**, 107 17th Avenue NE, inquired about weekly updates he'd understood would be provided on the **fundraising efforts for the pool**. Dunt will invite a representative to give an update on their progress.

**Committee Reports:** Finance and Personnel report given by Eckhardt; next meeting November 9th., at 2:00 p.m. City Services report given by Palmer; next meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Public Assets report given by Hodge; next meeting November 17th., at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Weldin called on Chief Beltran regarding a proposed **amendment to the Hampton Police Department ECD (Taser) Policy for re-certification training**. Chief Beltran explained the existing policy requires annual re-certification training for the use of ECD's, and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's standards has revised their training requirement to bi-annual. Chief Beltran recommended the Council approve the Police Department's training standards be revised to mirror that of the ILEA. Motion by Palmer, seconded by Hodge, to approve an amendment to the Hampton Police Department ECD (Taser) Policy for re-certification training requirements, Section 3(b1) to read as follows: "ECD Re-Certification - A mandatory re-certification program will be successfully completed according to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy recommendations." Roll call vote: Ayes - Hanson, Harms, Hodge, Palmer and Eckhardt. Nays - None. Schmidt absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Weldin referred comment to City Manager Dunt regarding the application for **Tax Abatement under the Urban Revitalization Plan** submitted to the City by Carl and Marian Hageman. Motion by Eckhardt, seconded by Harms, to approve the Application for Tax Abatement submitted by Carl & Marian Hageman for 1 Armory Lane, Hampton, Iowa. Motion approved unanimously. The application will be forwarded to the Franklin County Assessor for final consideration for approval.

Mayor Weldin called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Eckhardt to approve claims, as recommended by the Finance Committee, totaling **\$160,935.94**. Seconded by Harms. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Palmer to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted for publication from the October 13, 2009, Regular Session, and scheduling the next Regular Session for Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Second by Hanson. Motion approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports** given by: **Chief Ray Beltran**, Police Dept., noting a new Reserve Officer would be on the next Council agenda for approval, nuisance abatement update, open burning complaints and enforcement of vehicles parked in yards. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director, advised the Street Dept. had begun fall alley work and street sweeping plans; also, addressed Palmer's inquiry about a false rumor regarding City's handling of the pool leaking earlier this year. **Ron Dunt**, City Manager, encouraging the public to use caution with open burning and courteous of their neighbors by avoiding excessive smoke issues.

**Council Reports** given by **Harms, Eckhardt and Hanson**, and **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Weldin**; urging watchfulness of Trick or Treaters this Saturday, reminding those interested in attending the Finance & Personnel meeting on November 9th. is a time change to 2:00 p.m., and encouraged attendance of the Public Assets meeting by all interested parties regarding the proposed sidewalk between Harriman Park and 12th Avenue. Hodge and Palmer had nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Hanson at 6:11 p.m. Second by Hodge. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjournment 6:11 p.m.**

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Ron Dunt, City Manager

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Mayor Diane Weldin