

Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Hampton City Council Workshop Session

The Council met at 6:00 pm. Members present were; Lukensmeyer, Mollenbeck, Hickman and Pralle. Absent; Freie and Davies. Mayor Boehmler called the workshop to order. Also present were Police Chief Bob Schaefer, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt.

Mayor Boehmler reviewed the Council Priorities as set forth in April 2016. Discussions included the FCDA commissioning a housing study that will be finalized in the Spring of 2017, dilapidated buildings in downtown Hampton, FCDA/Mainstreet activities. Karen Mitchell and Newton Grotzinger will attend the council meeting on 11-10-16.

Discussion was held regarding the temporary stop signs placed at the intersection of 12th Ave NW and 1st St NW. After much discussion, the consensus was to remove the signs altogether since there are existing "School Crossing" yield signs that could be enforced. Doug will visit with HD High School Principal Steve Madson prior to removal.

Ahlers & Cooney Attorney Jim Wainwright was in attendance to meet with the council. Motion by Pralle to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent. Motion seconded by Lukensmeyer. Roll call vote; Ayes: Mollenbeck, Hickman, Pralle, and Lukensmeyer. Motion carried. Council entered closed session at 6:20 p.m. Council was opened back up to the public at 6:50 p.m. No action taken.

Doug Jackson, Wellmark BCBS addressed the council with information provided from the City's third party administrator, Three Rivers Benefits. After much discussion the consensus of the council was to renew the employee health insurance plan at a higher deductible than the current plan to curb rising coverage costs. The council was also alerted to the fact that it will have to renew under an Affordable Healthcare Act plan by no later than 1-1-18. Ron advised the council that projections show the ACA plan will add an additional \$6,000/month for the city. This benefit is funded by the Employee Benefits property tax levy, which is likely to increase to cover the expenses.

Mayor Boehmler then sought council input on ISC regulations under consideration. Discussion revolved around annual inspection fees for ISC units. Doug will research potential fee structures and present information at a future workshop.

Workshop concluded at 7:50 p.m.