

## **Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Hampton City Council Workshop Session**

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

There was no public comment.

Tom Madden, SEH presented pay request #25 to Wapasha Construction for \$108,879.50. The council will consider its approval at the 2-9-17 meeting.

Mayor Boehmler explained to the council some concern in the community of a change in law enforcement procedures relating to the ICE regulations and his goal is to have the council and community informed with factual information regarding “sanctuary county” status. Mayor Boehmler invited Police Chief Bob Schaefer and Sheriff Linn Larson to address the council to describe past and current procedures. Chief Schaefer indicated that the City Police Department has consistently followed federal laws by contacting the federal ICE agency when a foreign born individual is arrested or detained. He indicated the city is not proposing to make any changes. Sheriff Larson indicated that the former Sheriff had a policy that his department would not contact the federal ICE agency when a foreign born individual was arrested or detained. Sheriff Larson feels that he has an obligation to follow federal laws and has changed the policy. His department policy now states that they will cooperate with and assist any federal agency as long as that request does not violate local, state or federal laws and man power needs are met. Both Chief Schaefer and Sheriff Larson made it clear that they do not have the intention to knock on doors to determine the legal status of those in the community. City Attorney Megan Rosenberg stated that given the former sheriff’s policy, someone labeled the county as a “sanctuary county”. Mayor Boehmler inquired about potential for creating some sort of a local identification program or driver’s education training for those drivers who have never had a formal driver’s education class. Mayor Boehmler encouraged everyone to attend a public forum on the subject to be held on February 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Hampton Dumont High School cafeteria.

Doug Tarr informed the council he had a citizen request to install an ADA parking space in the 200 block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW. The council will have Mark Crawford make a recommendation on ADA parking spaces as part of the 2017 HMA street overlay project.

Under Old Business Mayor Boehmler briefly recapped the Hampton Public Library FY18 funding request. He expressed his displeasure with the library presenting a “dream budget” and said that the process should not be conducted in a manner in which the library makes a high budget request and hoping to settle somewhere near what is really needed. The consensus was to address this matter in next year’s budget process.

After discussion, the workshop concluded at 7:02 p.m.