

Minutes of the 7-6-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a workshop at 6:00 pm in city council chambers. Members present; Pralle, Freie, Lukensmeyer, Hickman, and Davies. Absent; Harms Also present were Mayor Boehmler, City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Bob Schaefer.

Public Comment: none.

The Mayor then asked if any of the youth in attendance wished to address the council regarding their restitution from the aquatic center graffiti incident. 4 youths addressed the council updating on community volunteering they have completed. All also asked for leniency regarding the ban from the aquatic center. The council wished to iterate to the public that these youth were encouraged, not required, to perform volunteer efforts with local groups such as the American Legion and the Hampton Tree Board. The consensus of the council was to allow the youth back into the aquatic center and will take action on the matter at the July 9th council session.

Hampton Firemen Clay Miller and Scott Strothers addressed the council with more information regarding planning for capital purchases such as fire trucks. The discussion then focused on fundraising, the 501c3 status of the Fire Association, age of trucks, a truck replacement plan, funding options, other community examples, fire department checking account, purchasing of a used truck instead of new for brush buggy use and the Mayor asked Ron to set up a meeting with Fire Department Treasurer Trev Murphy.

Ron handed out an Agreement for Advisory Services with Public Financial Management which sets scope of services expected and fees to be charged relative to the financing of the waste water treatment plant project. Consensus was to consider approval it the July 9th council session.

Mayor Boehmler summarized a letter he received from Mickey Ferris, Chair of the Friends of the Hampton Cemetery. The Friends group was established as a 501c3 entity to seek funds to be used to rehabilitate worn and weathered monuments and stones in the Hampton Cemetery. Mrs. Ferris notified the city that she intends to retire from the position by the end of the year and asked the city to recruit new leaders and group members to continue with the mission of the board and build on its successes to promote the cemetery and rehabilitate worn monuments and stones. Mayor Boehmler called for citizens to step forward to take the lead on keeping this worthwhile group going.

Ron asked the council if they had any concerns or comments on the library curved wall plan/spec documents he had emailed to them last week. No concerns were voiced. Ron explained that the project will proceed as a competitively quoted project. The engineer will begin seeking quotes soon so that construction can be completed by October.

Mayor adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:04 p.m.