

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Brook Boehmler at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were, Dyanne Pralle, Jesse Mollenbeck, Jim Davies, Jay Hickman, Meghan Freie and Richard Lukensmeyer. Absent; none. Mayor Boehmler invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Public Comment: Mayor Boehmler invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. There were none.

In the absence of Felicia Martinez, City Attorney Megan Rosenberg explained that Martinez is the owner of a nuisance property which should be demolished. Martinez has been cited twice and has asked the city to consider taking ownership of her property because she has no money or assets to have it demolished. The consensus of the council was to have the city contact neighboring properties to gauge interest in seeking ownership of the property. The council will discuss at a future council meeting.

Jesse Winter, North Central Iowa Service, presented a proposal that would provide for the conversion of all fluorescent bulbs to LED in all city owned buildings. A conversion to LED offers an opportunity for future cost savings of city owned property electric usage. However, such a conversion was not included in the current budget. LED conversions are eligible for MidAmerican Energy rebates which will cut the cost of the project in half. City staff will contact local electricians for similar proposals.

The council discussed who their FCDA Board representative will be. The consensus was that all future representatives will be appointed with a 2 year term and that Ron Dunt will continue serving as the representative until a new appointment in June of 2017.

Eric Doll, Jeffrey Bruce & Company, presented a Power Point presentation of conceptual street curb bump-outs which the local group determined to be a prioritized goal for the community. The advantages of the bump-outs are a more aesthetically pleasing image projected for the downtown area which will invite travelers to stop as well as an added level of safety to pedestrian traffic. Mark Crawford, CGA will be attending the August 22nd council workshop to discuss upcoming street improvement options and costs. Jeff Jensen with Trees Forever updated the council on the status of the Iowa Living Roadways project funded through a grant. The project is a collaborative effort that involves local citizens setting goals and priorities of potential enhancement projects to trails, parks, sidewalks and streets that may include improvements such as plantings, benches, downtown revitalization and way finding. Jeff invited the community to attend the Iowa Living Roadways Annual Celebration in Ames on November 10, 2016.

Ron handed out copies of the Twin State/Liqui-Grow Hampton Facility environmental report compiled by Mark Dawson of Sand Creek Consultants, Inc. Sand Creek was brought in by Twin State at the request of the City after a containment release resulted in fertilizer contaminated storm water being deposited into public ditches/waterways. The city's concern primarily revolved around the protection of its drinking water wells in the immediate vicinity. The Sand Creek report summarizes proposed facility operation improvements to enhance the handling and containment of fertilizer and storm water for company compliance and groundwater quality.

Mayor Boehmler stated that he had been invited to the American Legion at 7:30 but since the council workshop was running late he would have to reschedule.

Jim Davies stated he had viewed the brick samples for the library curved wall on behalf of the Hampton Historic Preservation Commission.

The September 5, 2016 council workshop falls on Labor Day so the council will decide in the near future if the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled.

Meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.