

Minutes of the June 24, 2024 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor pro tem James Davies at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom. Council members in attendance were Kevin Blanford, James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Mayor Steve Birdsall was absent. Also present were Police Chief Mark Morrison, City Manager Ron Dunt, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor pro tem Davies invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor pro tem Davies offered time for public comment. There was none.

Public Works Director Tarr and Police Chief Morrison updated the council on Nuisance properties. The property at 715 1st Street NE was purchased by a neighbor who worked with the fire department to use the property as a training fire. More citations will be at court in July after the new county attorney starts. It is expected that they will have cleanups to do in August.

Jason Petersburg, P.E. from Veenstra & Kimm presented water main improvement project bid tabulation. There were 2 bids received and Petersburg recommended the council accept the base bid plus Alternate #6 in the amount of \$502,049.50 from Brian Nettleton Excavating of Joice, Iowa. The council will consider this at their June 27 regular session.

The council discussed the part time wage for temporary part-time seasonal water department position collecting water infrastructure data for the GIS mapping project. City Manager Dunt recommended that the pay scale for this position be the same as the part time seasonal mowers. \$14.00/hour for the 1st year; \$15.00/hour for the 2nd year; and \$15.50/hour for the 3rd year. The consensus of the council was to place this item on the Thursday, June 27 regular session agenda.

The council discussed the Image of Pride program and requested City Manager Dunt make some revisions to the brochure so the council can discuss at a future workshop meeting.

Councilman Palmer discussed having the FCDA Director attend the Iowa League of Cities Conference in September. The consensus of the council was that the FCDA Director would ask her board for approval to sign up for the September 20, 2024 sessions.

The council discussed the P & Z Commission vacancy left by Jesse Mollenbeck moving outside the city limits. Applications are available at City Hall and on the City's website and will be accepted for the next couple weeks. Applications received will be considered by the council at a future council meeting.

The workshop concluded at 6:40 p.m.