

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Kevin Blanford, James Davies, Jerre Grefe, Bill Hodge, Barry Lamos, and Patrick Palmer. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Mark Morrison. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda**. Motion by Blanford. Second by Grefe to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Council Workshop report: Minutes from the December 11, 2023 Council Workshop were presented by Mayor Birdsall.

Public Comment: Bill Hittle, Director of the Greater Franklin County Chamber expressed concerns regarding Resolution 2023-34. Hittle has talked to most restaurant owners in town regarding Resolution 2023-2024 setting fees for Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants. This pricing would also cover food trucks. Hittle encouraged the council to take another look at the fee schedule in the resolution and go to \$25 for one day and \$100 for a month eliminating the proposed weekly and yearly license period. He pointed out that most brick-and-mortar restaurants in town are chamber members. Many food trucks are not.

Public Hearings: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Birdsall appointed Jim Davies as Mayor Pro Tem for 2024-2025.

The council then made the following appointments:

Motion by Hodge, second by Palmer to appoint Ron Dunt as **City Treasurer** and Megan Rosenberg as **City Attorney** for 2024-2025. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Davies, second by Blanford to appoint the Hampton Chronicle as the **Official Newspaper** and Russell Morgan as the **North Iowa Landfill Board Representative** for 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Grefe, second by Davies to reappoint Chad Murray to a 5-year term on the **Planning & Zoning Commission** expiring 12/31/2028; reappoint Mardell Sidmore VanKleeck to a 3-year term on the **Hampton Historic Preservation Commission** expiring 12/31/2026; and reappoint Dick Lukensmeyer to a 5-year term on the **Hampton Tree Board** expiring 12/31/2028. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims. Motion by Palmer, second by Hodge to **approve the claims** as submitted by Staff in the amount of \$221,491.27. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions:

City Manager Dunt presented **Ordinance 401: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 122.05, PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS “REGISTRATION FEE”**. Motion by Palmer, second by Davies to approve the second reading of Ordinance 401. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hodge, Grefe, Blanford, Davies, Palmer, and Lamos. Nays: None. The Third and final reading of Ordinance 401 is approved and will be effective upon publication.

The council then discussed Resolution 2024-34. Motion by Lamos, second by Hodge to table **Resolution 2023-34: A RESOLUTION SETTING FEES FOR HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 122.05 PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS** until after the council can further discuss the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Blanford, Davies, Hodge, Grefe and Lamos. Nays: Palmer. Resolution 2023-34 tabled and will placed on a future council workshop for discussion.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the consent agenda and the following items: Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, November 20, 2023 Regular Session. Schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers. Approval of new tobacco licensing for A to Z Liquor Inc., 721 Central Ave W, Hampton. Approval of renewal of alcohol licensing for Projecto X LLC, 11 2nd Ave NW, Hampton. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and City Manager Ron Dunt.**

Council Reports given by Davies, Lamos, Palmer, Grefe, and Hodge.

Mayor’s Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Palmer at 6:34 p.m., second by Blanford. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 6:34 p.m.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Steve Birdsall