

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Boehmler at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were, Dyanne Pralle, Meghan Freie, Richard Lukensmeyer, Jesse Mollenbeck, Jim Davies and Jay Hickman. 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.

Mayor Boehmler reminded the council of the Goals and Priorities the council set back in April and asked that they review and discuss each one to assess status and/or progress. Goals included Joint Planning with FCDA, Enforcement of City Sidewalk Ordinance, Partnering with Franklin Wellness Center on adult recreation programming and Stricter Rental Housing Inspection Policy. Mayor Boehmler explained that he and Ron had met with the FCDA Executive Board regarding potential joint planning and other economic development activities.

Discussion then focused on various aspects of enforcing the sidewalk ordinance. The City of Hampton was one of 10 communities to participate in the 2016 Iowa Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The Visioning Final Report outlines a conceptual plan compiled from many hours of community input. The report identified sidewalks as a barrier to getting to everyday places and recreation facilities. The council agreed that there are many sidewalks in the community in very poor condition and it is the responsibility of property owners to repair or replace their sidewalks. The council intent is to develop an enforcement plan that would have city staff identify sidewalks which are out of compliance and give property owners an 18 month advanced notice to repair or replace their sidewalk or face enforcement penalties. The city will also research options for price discounts from local concrete providers for sidewalk replacement projects as well as gauging interest from community college building trade programs.

Discussion turned to options to consider for improving adult recreation programming in the community by working with the Franklin Wellness Center and stricter rental housing inspections. City staff will move forward with advertising for an aquatic center manager and will research the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code for consideration at a future meeting.

Doug Tarr gave a status update on the nuisance structures. He highlighted some successes where the nuisance structure was demolished and other situations where he continues to work through the court system to remedy the problematic properties. He also briefly reviewed the summer nuisance grass process and indicated that soon we will be transitioning into sidewalk shoveling nuisance issues. No changes in enforcement will be implemented.

Councilman Lukensmeyer and Doug Tarr explained discussions they had regarding grass seeding at the new wastewater treatment plant site. The objective is to minimize future mowing efforts. One proposal is to seed more natural native grasses at the site which have ecological benefits as well as eliminating the need for mowing. The consensus of the council was to work through the project engineer, Tom Madden to inquire with the contractor about changing from grass seed to native natural grasses. Doug will meet with Tom to discuss the matter.

Doug gave a status report to the council on the TSIP traffic light replacement project at Hwy 3 and Hwy 65. The project is underway and is moving along as planned.

Ron asked the council for input on the meeting schedule for November and December 2016. The council consensus was to move the November 24th council meeting to Monday, November 21st in lieu of the Workshop. December meetings will be held on the normal schedule.

The meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.