

Minutes of the 12-7-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: None.

Doug Pralle, 1328 140th St. Hampton, informed the council that he has established a non-profit entity called Compassion Flights, LLC. The business will offer free flights for people who need transportation to medical treatment facilities. Since he is from Hampton and the business is air based, he desires to purchase the large north hangar from the City of Hampton to operate his business. He would do some interior remodeling of the office area to operate the business. The council asked if Pralle would consider leasing or building a privately owned hangar on land leased from the city. Pralle said he has considered those options as well but preferred to buy it from the city. The consensus of the council was to have Ron do some further research into what other communities do and inquire into airport land availability for construction and discuss again at a workshop in January.

The council then reviewed a contract renewal with Jay Schumann, dba/Schumann Aviation for managing service at the Hampton Airport. The renewal being considered includes a 2% increase in contract compensation for services for a 3 year agreement. The agreement does not define Schumann as a city employee, rather an independent contractor. Consensus was to place the agreement on the December 10, 2015 council agenda for consideration.

Ron handed out proposed draft Ordinance 362 which amends Hampton Chapter 165, Article 4 to re-zone property owned by Jo Arnold Enterprises (Butch Gruelke) legally described as Lot Five, Block Five, Kennedy's Addition to Hampton from R-2 to A-T. Consensus was to set January 14, 2015 as the date for a public hearing on the matter of re-zoning and 1st reading of Ordinance 362 and to give opportunity for public input.

Ron advised the council that city staff had marked 8 dead or dying oak trees in Harriman Park for removal and Dick Lukensmeyer was approached by someone wishing to remove the logs of the trees for \$250-\$300 after the frost is in the ground. The consensus was to obtain a written agreement for removal and place on a future council agenda for consideration.

Ron presented some handouts regarding prior year budgeting considerations in preparation for upcoming budget meetings in January. He also presented a draft copy of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the council to review in anticipation of the FY17 budget.

Doug reported information regarding a notice being sent to the public regarding test results showing increases in Combined Radium in water tested from Well #3. Due to the increases, the DNR is requiring the City to notify citizens of the levels of Combined Radium and require the city to take measures to address the radium or cease using the well until such time as proper treatments can be in place. Doug informed the council that we have placed Well #3 in an inactive status which means it will no longer be used to supply water unless we have an emergency situation. Inactive status allows for a maximum usage of 30 days per year. No other city wells are affected. City staff will be mailing out the notice to the community and contacting an engineering firm to determine options and cost estimates for treatment processes. Any citizen with questions is encouraged to contact Doug Tarr.

Ron handed out copies of final draft of the Cemetery Interment Rights Agreement and the Cemetery Rules and Regulations for the council to discuss. After much discussion the consensus was to place the documents on the December 10, 2015 council meeting agenda. The Interment Rights Agreement will be considered for approval and the Rules and Regulations will be up for further discussion and input.

The workshop concluded at 7:48 p.m.