

Minutes of the 12-8-14 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a workshop at 6:00 pm in City Council chambers. Members present; Davies, Harms, Lukensmeyer, Pralle, Hickman, and Freie. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, PWD Doug Tarr and Police Chief Schaefer. Mayor Boehmler called the meeting to order.

Pledge of allegiance was cited. Public Comment; City Manager Dunt explained that he had a request from Kiwanis Club to have the Council consider approval of the wooden playground structure at Harriman Park, if and when the new playground improvement project is completed. Ron asked the Council to give this request some consideration and be prepared to discuss at a future meeting.

Bill Grabe, CGA, presented an Engineering Services Agreement between CGA and the City of Hampton for services related to the Airport Hangar Rehabilitation project. The service agreement details the services to be provided for the lump sum fee of \$29,900. The consensus of the Council was to put this agreement on the December 11, 2014, agenda for approval.

Mayor Boehmler updated the Council on recent efforts by the City to reach out to work collectively with Hampton-Dumont School District administrators to develop a plan to curb unruly behaviors during future homecoming events. In recent meetings between the City and H-D administrators, the agreed upon goal was to eliminate the negative and destructive behavior and to replace it with positive activities that will be inviting to H-D alumni and the entire community to celebrate the homecoming events in a positive light. To accomplish this goal it has been determined that a temporary curfew for minors under the age of 18 is necessary, and law enforcement will be issuing tickets to individuals or groups who are breaking the law. Fines for tickets could be approximately \$100. Joel Heuer, H-D Liaison Officer, addressed the Council with his input and how he and the H-D staff could assist in eliminating some of the destructive behaviors. A meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers to further discuss this matter. H-D students, faculty, administrators, parents and the general public are invited to this meeting to share their ideas for moving forward in a positive manner.

Ron presented a draft Ordinance amendment No. 355, Public Exposure. This ordinance is necessary to enforce against individuals who expose themselves to others. The consensus was to consider the 1st reading of Ord. 355 at the December 11, 2014, Council session.

Chief Schaefer presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hampton Police Dept. and Franklin County to clarify details of networking and sharing law enforcement software communications. After some discussion, the consensus was to place this memorandum on the December 11, 2014, Council agenda for consideration.

Doug Tarr presented information obtained from IDOT regarding the City's TSIP grant application for funding the replacement of the traffic signal lights at the intersection of Hwy 3 and 1st Street W and Hwy 3 and Hwy 65. The IDOT grant committee will make a recommendation to fund \$175,000. The consensus of the Council was to seek the funds to replace the traffic signals at the intersection of Hwy 3 and Hwy 65, as it is a higher traffic intersection, with the understanding that the City would have to fund a probable shortfall of roughly \$50,000.

Mayor Boehmler sought input from the Council on how to handle potential frozen service lines this winter. The consensus was to table the matter.

Mayor Boehmler sought input from the Council on the topic of implementing franchise fees to the gas and electric utility provider in order to provide an alternative revenue source for funding future infrastructure projects. After much discussion of the potential impacts on businesses and residents, the consensus was to have

Ron continue looking into the details of implementing such a fee and report back to the Council with more information.

Dick Lukensmeyer stated that he had been contacted by a citizen, who requested the Council consider changing the requirement to remove political signs after an election from three days to six or seven. Ron will look into the legalities of making a change.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.