

Minutes of the 3-23-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: None.

Hampton Dumont School District Superintendent Todd Lettow addressed the council with updates of recent school activities including North Side Elementary renovation planning, researching bus stop services, leadership program grants, grade level performance statistics and potential partnerships with the city and the county. He also commended city staff for assisting the school when requested and offered their willingness to assist the city if necessary.

Bradley Waddle, Aquatic Center Manager updated the council on upcoming considerations for the summer season. He explained the difficulties associated with providing Red Cross sponsored swimming lessons and requested council consideration of providing a localized facility sponsored swim lesson program to streamline the process and improve efficiencies. The council consensus was favorable to a local program upon researching potential liability issues. Ron will discuss with our insurance carrier. Bradley and the council also discussed the current admission pricing structure and reviewed potential changes. After much discussion, the consensus was to leave the pricing as is but to have Bradley work with Ron and Doug to consider concession price adjustments. Bradley also requested the council consider raising lifeguard starting wage to \$7.25 with an annual return incentive of \$.25 per hour to a maximum of \$8.00 per hour. The council will put this matter on the March 26, 2015 council agenda for consideration.

Ron then reviewed the project timeline for the 2015 water main replacement project. The council will consider a resolution to set a date for a public hearing on the plans, specs and form of contract at the March 26, 2015 council meeting. The project will replace 2-3 blocks of water main in the southwest quadrant of town and property owners have been notified through a public informational meeting last fall. More information will be made available to them as we get closer to the project.

The council then went into closed session at 7:10 pm in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.9 to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employee not covered by collective bargaining agreement.

The council opened the session at 7:30 p.m. No action was taken as this was a workshop. Mayor Boehmler briefly reviewed a new program geared towards a community effort to increase the number of high school seniors attending college. Mayor adjourned the committee meeting at 7:40 p.m.