

## **Minutes of the 3-9-15 Hampton City Council Workshop**

The Hampton City Council held a workshop at 6:15 pm in city council chambers (immediately following the Special Session Council Meeting). Members present; Harms, Freie, Lukensmeyer, Davies, Hickman and Pralle. Also present were Mayor Boehmler, City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Chief Bob Schaefer.

Public Comment: None.

Ron explained to the council that they would be discussing some aquatic center matters in the near future regarding swim lesson structure and admission price adjustments. Councilman Davies had inquired recently about selling season passes now at the current rate. The local group PROSPER has in the past provided an aquatic center family pass as an incentive to attend the Strengthening Families Program which starts March 12. They would like to do so again this year. Since the council has not made any price adjustments to date, the consensus was to continue sales at current pre-season rates.

Chief Schaefer explained that Harley Davidson needs to know if the City wishes to continue participating in the law enforcement Harley Davidson program whereby Harley Davidson provides the seasonal use of a motorcycle free of charge. The city incurs related expenses such as insurance, fuel and equipment. The operational cost of the motorcycle is approximately \$.87/mile. The past few years the usage has been lower due to the fact that the department has either been short staffed or had an officer in the academy. Chief stated that the department would like to continue the program and anticipate higher usage of the unit. Council pointed out that when the unit is ridden it lessens the wear and tear on our patrol cars which saves money and that usage may increase if it were stored closer to the PD. The consensus was to continue with the program and the council would tell the Chief when it wishes to discontinue in the future.

PWD Tarr handed out a rough draft Emerald Ash Bore permitting document for council discussion. The council discussed the pros and cons of such a program. The intent is to protect the public from “fly-by-night” individuals offering tree treatment services and to control chemical applications near public water supplies. More research is warranted and the city is seeking further staff research and public input. The topic will be discussed at future meeting.

Ron handed out Ordinance 356, Snow Emergency Regulations. The first reading of this ordinance shall take place March 12, 2015.

The council then went into closed session at 7:15 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. Council met with City Manager Ron Dunt regarding employment agreement matters.

The council opened the session at 8:50 p.m. No action was taken as this was a workshop. Mayor Boehmler adjourned the committee meeting at 8:50 p.m.