

Minutes of the 5-11-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: None.

Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Director Newton Grotzinger presented some ideas for potential future use of the KL Holdings downtown lot also know as Gazebo Park. After much discussion the consensus of the council was not to accept the KL Holdings offer of gifting the property to the city until a definite plan is developed. The council also asked Ron to request the soil sample report from KL Holdings.

The council reviewed a proposed SEH Agreement for Professional Services for the library wall repair project. The agreement is for structural engineered plans, specs and consulting with the contractor on the curved wall repair project. This will be on the May 14, 2015 agenda for consideration.

Ron explained that Russell Morgan, North Iowa Transit has made a request for the city to add a 3rd no parking space in the 10 block of 1st St SW in front of the Senior Citizens Center for bus access. Doug will obtain more information from Russell and report back at the next workshop.

Mayor Boehmler asked council for consensus to move the June 11th council meeting to Wednesday, June 10th due to a scheduling conflict. Consensus was in favor, item will be placed on the consent agenda of the May 14, 2015 council agenda for approval.

Mayor Boehmler asked for follow-up discussion of the recent council mobile tour. The consensus was that the tour was a great way to see first hand some of the infrastructure issues with streets, alleys, sidewalks and vacant properties. Many ideas for improvements were discussed and funding options are being considered.

Ron updated the council on the status of the franchise agreement being negotiated. He indicated that he is working with Attorney Jim Wainwright on the details and will bring forth a draft for council consideration as soon as possible. The council will also be considering a Revenue Purpose Statement in the future which will define how franchise fees would be expended.

Ron handed out a timeline for the airport hangar rehabilitation project. Work will commence after July 1, 2015.

Doug gave an update of the water main replacement project in the southwest part of town. He stated that he had a good turnout of neighbors for the pre-project meeting held a couple of weeks ago. The construction will begin in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Boehmler reminded the council of the Image of Pride Award program which begins in May and runs through October. He explained that At-Large Councilman Lukensmeyer will present his nomination for the award at the May 14, 2015 meeting.

Doug announced that due to some mechanical repairs the aquatic center opening date will be pushed back to May 30, 2015.

Mayor adjourned the workshop meeting at 7:05 p.m.