

Minutes of the 7-20-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council held a workshop at 6:00 pm in city council chambers. Members present; Lukensmeyer, Freie, Pralle, Davies, Hickman, and Harms. Also present were Mayor Boehmler, City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr and Police Captain Mark Morrison, and Firemen Clay Miller and Dan Schipper.

Public Comment: none. Mayor Boehmler announced that in light of the recent KIMT programming drop on Mediacom, he has met with Hampton Communications Utility Board Member Jeff Christiansen. Although there is nothing the Board can do regarding the impasse between KIMT and Mediacom, it serves as a reminder for our community to be looking for alternatives and planning for the future.

Hampton Firemen Clay Miller and Dan Schipper addressed the council with more information regarding planning for capital purchases such as fire trucks. The discussion continued on the Fire Association, 501c3 status, fire department checking account, purchasing of a used truck instead of new for brush buggy use. Dan brought up some obstacles the Fire Department Association faced in the past when seeking grants for vehicles. Clay presented some research he had done on used pick-up trucks in comparison to new ones. Much discussion revolved around the pros and cons of an association and 501c3 designations. More research will continue as the council, city staff and fire department seek options for truck replacements.

Mayor Boehmler updated the council on the status of the Friends of the Hampton Cemetery. The Friends group needs to recruit new leaders and group volunteers to continue with the mission of the board and build on its successes to promote the cemetery. Mayor Boehmler called for citizens to step forward to attend a meeting being held on July 21, 2015 in city council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Boehmler then reminded citizens that the KIMT programming issue is not a city issue and needs to be worked out between KIMT and Mediacom. FCC also has the Hampton area as part of the Des Moines network television market.

Ron stated that the library curved wall project plans are now out and we expect to receive contractor quotes on August 4, 2015. The franchise agreement draft will soon be presented to council when obtained from the attorney. It is expected for an August workshop.

At 7:08 p.m. the council went into closed session at the written request of Police Chief Bob Schaefer pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)I to discuss the Chiefs performance prior to contract renewal consideration.

The council opened the meeting to the public at 7:20 p.m. and adjourned.