

Minutes of the 8-24-15 Hampton City Council Workshop

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

Public Comment: none.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Mayor Boehmler stated he was proposing to move the September 7th workshop to September 8th at 6:00pm. Consensus of the council was favorable. Ron will reschedule the workshop to the 8th.

Doug provided a handout aerial photo of the Northside Elementary School block with a request from HD School District to restrict the parking on the south side of 11th Place NE to limit traffic congestion. After much discussion the consensus was to wait for school to start and assess the traffic flows to determine the best course of action.

Ron explained that the Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the Final Plat on the Hampton Industrial Murphy Addition and recommends the council approval at the August 27th regular session. Consensus was to have this placed on the August 27th agenda for consideration.

Ron handed out a draft amendment to Chapter 50.06 and 50.13. The amendment would allow more flexibility to the city for nuisance abatement procedures and set the fine structure to match Iowa Code. The consensus was to have the first reading at the August 27th council session.

Ron presented a request from a long term employee who is approaching Medicare eligibility. The employee is planning to terminate their Wellmark health insurance coverage and utilizing Medicare/Medicare supplement coverage. The request is for the city to consider paying the premiums for the supplement instead of the Wellmark coverage. Ron recommends approving the request as it will be a net savings for the city. Council had no objections to this change.

Ron stated that he met with Terry McCarthy, SEH Inc. to discuss having the library's curved wall repair project and the parking lot/entrance door project bid together this winter so that both projects could be completed in 2016. McCarthy felt that the project could be divided into 2 divisions to keep expenditures separate. McCarthy will attend a future council meeting to discuss the details.

Ron discussed the revenue purpose statement, electric and gas franchise agreement ordinances that the council will consider related to the upcoming electric and gas franchise agreements with MidAmerican Energy. In response to a prior inquiry from the council, Ron stated that he had researched how the franchise fee would be calculated. It appears the fee is computed after all rates and charges are applied. The Consensus of the council was to hold 3 readings on the franchise ordinances.

The consensus of the council was to move the HD Northside Elementary school tour to 5:00pm Thursday, August 27, 2015.

Meeting concluded at 6:38pm.