

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session was called to order at City Council Chambers by Mayor Brook Boehmler at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Meghan Freie, James Davies, Dyanne Pralle, Jay Hickman, Jesse Mollenbeck and Richard Lukensmeyer. Mayor Boehmler invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Boehmler called for a motion to approve the **agenda**. Motion by Davies. Second by Pralle. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Boehmler expressed condolences on behalf of the City and City Council to Ron Dunt in the loss of his father earlier this week.

Mayor Boehmler gave the report from the **Council Workshops** of January 14, 18, and 25, 2016.

Public Comment: Mayor Boehmler invited those wishing to make public comment to address the Council. **Audrey Larson-Schmitt** and her husband, **Richard**, 320 Federal Street N, voiced their concerns about the maintenance of their alley, which slopes on the north end and is covered with a layer of ice that causes vehicles to slide onto the street; potential danger with traffic. Doug Tarr advised snow removal for alleys is secondary to streets, but this alley presents unique challenges because of the slope, and winter maintenance of the alleys was restricted by the warmer temperatures with the initial snows. The City doesn't use equipment on the alleys until the ground freezes, to avoid surface damage from the weight of the vehicles. A previous complaint of this alley's condition was addressed by the City with sand and salt, and Tarr requested residents use extra caution and contact City Hall when repeat measures are needed. Tarr acknowledged this alley also has issues with runoff with heavy rains, and chip sealing at this location to remedy that problem is likely; however, there may need for some research on whether this and other alleys need restricted access for waste collection.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mayor Boehmler referred to copies of proposed grant application to the North Central Iowa Community Foundation on behalf of La Luz Hispana, in the funding of a Naturalization Program they administer. Since La Luz Hispana is not a 501(c)(3) organization, they need a fiscal agent to proceed with the application, which has a deadline of January 31, 2016. Boehmler credited Berry Johnson and Frankie Aliu in working together in making instruction available locally to those seeking naturalization, as opposed to travels to Omaha. La Luz Hispana understands no financial or reporting responsibility would fall on the City for this designation as Fiscal Agent. Motion by Davies, seconded by Lukensmeyer, to approve the **City of Hampton acting as the Fiscal Agent for a Community Foundation Grant application** to fund a Naturalization Program administered by **La Luz Hispana**. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler called for a motion to **approve claims**. Motion by Pralle to approve claims, as recommended by Staff, totaling \$146,957.71. Seconded by Freie. Motion approved unanimously.

Mayor Boehmler offered the second reading of **Ordinance No. 363, "An Ordinance granting to Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative, its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Hampton, Iowa, and electric system and communications facilities and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants and authorizing the City to collect franchise fees for a period of 20 years."** Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Hickman, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 363.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Hickman, Pralle, Lukensmeyer, Davies, Mollenbeck and Freie. Nays – None. Motion approved, and Ordinance No. 363 referred to the next regular session for third and final consideration.

Motion by Freie to approve the **Consent Agenda**, including previous minutes as drafted from publication from the Thursday, January 14, 2016, Regular Session meeting and scheduling the next Regular Session for Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at City Council Chambers. Second by Davies. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff Reports given by **Chief Bob Schaefer**, Police Dept.; reported Officer Yovan Cardenas has resigned, so the department is in the process of accepting applications for his replacement. He added that nuisance enforcement continues, and the department has been placing flyers on vehicles that were moved to front yard parking during the previous Snow Ordinance, advising that the vehicles can't remain there, once the ordinance is lifted; vehicles are to be moved within 24 hours after the lift. Those not heeding the warning will be ticketed for the parking violation. **Doug Tarr**, Public Works Director; reminded the public to be prepared for the Snow Ordinance going into effect with the forecast for Monday night into Tuesday, as well as property owners keeping their sidewalks cleared. Enforcement has been complaint-based so far this season, and the City will have a contractor abate the nuisance on public sidewalks and bill the property owner for the expense at a \$30.00 minimum or at \$.50 per linear foot, whichever is greater, plus a 15% administrative fee.

Council Reports given by **Pralle, Hickman, Davies**; included encouragement to participate in the Iowa caucus on Monday night, appreciation for City staff doing a good job follow up on environmental concerns, as well as response to public concerns, and the reminder of application deadline for the Community Foundation Grant is Sunday, January 31st. **Mayor's Report** given by **Mayor Boehmler**, reiterating his condolences to the Dunt family.

Motion to adjourn by Davies at 6:45 p.m. Second by Freie. Motion approved unanimously.
Adjournment 6:45 p.m.

Attest:

Robbi Stevens, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Brook S. Boehmler