

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Steve Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Bill Hodge, Bill Holmstrom, Jerre Grefe, Barry Lamos and Patrick Palmer. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda**. Motion by Hodge, second by Davies to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

The Mayor read the **City Leadership Statement**.

**Council Workshop Report:** The Mayor presented the Council Workshop Report from Monday, April 21, 2025.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Public Hearing: Public hearing on the adoption of the FY26 Budget.** Mayor Birdsall opened the public hearing at 6:03 pm. City Manager Dunt reviewed the details. No written or oral objections were made. Mayor Birdsall closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

**Vicious Animal Hearing involving dog owned by Cody and Haley Anderson and declared vicious by Police Chief on April 15, 2025.** Councilman Davies announced that he would not take part in the discussion and would abstain from voting on this issue. Mayor Birdsall referred comment to Chief Morrison regarding the investigation. Mayor Birdsall offered opportunity for the victim, Wendy Buseman, to address the council. Cody Anderson spoke on behalf of his dog along with several family members. The council discussed the incident and asked questions of both parties. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Hodge, to declare the dog in question as non-vicious, with the incident documented as a first report of an unprovoked attack on record and a physical fence must be installed at Mr. Anderson's property, and the dog should be removed from town until the fence is in place. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lamos, Hodge, Holmstrom, Grefe and Palmer. Abstain: Davies; Nays: None.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Consider date and time for a public hearing on the FY25 budget amendment and authorize staff to publish notice. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to **set Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm as the date and time for a public hearing on the FY25 budget amendment and authorize staff to publish notice**. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider property and liability insurance policy renewal for 2025-2026. Motion by Lamos, second by Holmstrom to **approve the property and Liability Insurance policy renewal for 2025-2026 with EMC through Castle, Dick & Kelch Insurance**. Motion approved unanimously.

Consider Pay Estimate #7 from Henkel Construction for Water Treatment Plant Improvements project. Motion by Grefe, second by Lamos to **approve Pay Estimate No. 7 to Henkel**

**Construction in the amount of \$165,870.00 for Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project.** Motion approved unanimously.

Addy Andrade, representative of La Luz, presented a **request for road closures for Gran Festival on Saturday, June 7.** Motion by Palmer, second by Hodge to approve Road Closure for Request for Gran Festival on Saturday, June 7. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of claims.** Motion by Grefe, second by Lamos to approve the **claims as submitted by Staff** in the amount of \$644,418.80. Motion approved unanimously.

**Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions:** City Manager Dunt presented the **third and final reading of Ordinance 405:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, IOWA, CHAPTER 165, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2 TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 405. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holmstrom, Hodge, Grefe, Lamos, Palmer and Davies; Nays: None. Motion approved unanimously.

Chief Morrison presented the **first reading of Ordinance 406:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 56, DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS ANIMALS. Motion by Palmer, second by Grefe to approve the first reading of Ordinance 406. Discussion by Council. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palmer, Hodge, Davis, Grefe, and Lamos; Nays: Holmstrom. Motion approved.

City Manager Dunt presented the **Resolution 2025-07:** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the Resolution 2025-07. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lamos, Davies, Grefe, Hodge, Holmstrom, and Palmer. Motion approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda.** Motion by Lamos, second by Holmstrom to approve previous minutes as drafted from the Thursday, April 10, 2025 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday; May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; and approve Alcohol Licensing renewal for Casey's General Store, 719 4<sup>th</sup> St NE, Hampton. Motion approved unanimously.

**Staff Reports** given by Police Chief Mark Morrison, Public Works Director Tarr, and City Manager Ron Dunt.

**Council Reports** given by Hodge, Grefe, Palmer, Lamos, Holmstrom, and Davies.

**Mayor's Report** given by Mayor Birdsall.

**Motion to adjourn** by Holmstrom, second by Palmer at 7:45pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:

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Ron Dunt, City Manager

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Mayor Steve Birdsall