

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 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, Jerre Grefe, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos, Patrick Palmer, and Kristin Roode. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Public Works Director Doug Tarr, and Police Chief Mark Morrison. 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 Palmer, second by Lamos 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 July 21, 2025.

Public Comment: Michael Arndorfer, Postmaster, voiced concerns regarding a dog bite incident involving a postal worker. David Johnson also voiced concerns regarding the dog bite incident. Juan Bello spoke regarding the fence at the skate park.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Councilman Jim Davies made a motion to nominate Darrell and Mary Alice Paullus as the **Image of Pride for July 2025** for property located at 424 11th Ave NE, second by Holmstrom. Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered a request from Charlane Pralle-Janssen for **street closures on 300-400 blocks of 1st Ave NW** for BBQ event August 22-23, 2025. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe. Motion approved unanimously.

Derek Johnson from ISG presented information regarding **4 and 6 1st Avenue NW** cleanup related expenses. Motion by Lamos, second by Palmer to authorize the city manager to approve a contract for removal of junk from the buildings and the installation of a beam for stabilizing of the building for a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered an **amendment to the Employee Handbook**. Motion by Palmer, second by Roode to approve Employee Handbook amendment to residency requirement giving City Manager authority to make exceptions to the requirement based on individual circumstances and personnel needs. Motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote. Holmstrom voted nay.

Council **considered fence quotes for the skate park**. Motion by Grefe, second by Palmer to approve approve the purchase and installation of 112 foot of 6' tall Chesterfield privacy fence with almond posts and rails in the amount of \$8376.63. Motion passed with a 5 to 1 vote. Holmstrom voted nay.

Approval of claims. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Roode to approve the **claims as submitted by Staff** in the amount of \$289,758.57. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt presented **Resolution 2025-16:** “A PUBLIC PURPOSE POLICY FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES; ELECTED OFFICIALS; AND MEMBERS OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS”. City Manager Dunt provided details. Motion by Palmer, second by Roode to approve Resolution 2025-16. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Palmer, Grefe, Holmstrom, Lamos, Roode, and Davies. Nays: None. Resolution 2025-65 passed.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Lamos, second by Davies to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: Approve previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, July 7, 2025 Regular Session; Schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; Approve alcohol licensing for Mi Tierra, 115 1st St NW, Hampton, IA; Fareway Stores, Inc., 309 Central Ave W, Hampton, IA; and Top of Iowa Lucky Wife, 303 2nd St. South, Swea City, IA for sales at Peace Plaza during a special event on August 19, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Council Reports given by Davies, Lamos, Palmer, and Grefe.

Mayor’s Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Grefe, second by Lamos at 7:41 pm. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Steve Birdsall