

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026, at 6:07 P.M.**

The Hampton City Council Regular Session Meeting was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Birdsall at 6:07 p.m. Council members in attendance were James Davies, Jeanne Fay, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos and Jerre Grefe. Kristin Roode was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison and Public Works Director Doug Tarr.

Mayor Birdsall called for a motion to **approve the agenda**. Motion by Lamos, second by Fay to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Council Workshop Report. The Mayor presented Council **Workshop Reports** from the March 19 Goal Setting Session, the March 23 Council Workshop, and read a mayoral **Proclamation for 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month**.

Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Councilman Holmstrom presented his nomination for **the March 2026 Image of Pride**. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Davies to award the March 2026 Image of Pride to Al and Janelle Fink for property located at 716 1st Ave NE. Motion approved unanimously.

The council considered a **street closure request from Pit Row** for a street party to be held Saturday, June, 27, 2026 from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. Motion by Davies, second by Lamos to approve the request. Motion approved unanimously.

The council heard a request from **Britt Lumley**, owner of **Britt's Boutique**, for a **parking space closure** for Anniversary Celebration on Saturday March 28. Motion by Lamos, second by Davies to approve parking space closure request from Britt's Boutique. Ayes: Lamos & Davies; Nays: Holmstrom, Fay and Grefe. Motion failed and request was denied.

City Manager Dunt presented a request regarding the City Newspaper. Motion by Davies, second by Holmstrom to name the Mason City Globe Gazette and Hampton Chronicle as the **official newspapers for the City of Hampton**. Motion approved unanimously.

City Manager Dunt presented the **final draft of the FY27 Budget**. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the final draft of FY27 Budget, set public hearing for April 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the city council chambers and authorize city staff to publish notice in the newspaper. Motion approved unanimously.

The council discussed the pay rate for Police Department Reserve Officers. Motion by Fay, second by Davies to approve increasing the rate of pay for Police Department Reserve Officers to \$30.00 per hour effective immediately. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of claims. Motion by Holmstrom, second by Lamos to approve the **claims as submitted by Staff** in the amount of \$139,126.90. Motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of Approval and Adoption of the Ordinances/Resolutions: City Manager Dunt and Joe Roenfeldt presented **Resolution 2026-03: RESOLUTION ORDERING BIDS, APPROVING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS, FIXING AMOUNT OF BID SECURITY AND ORDERING CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONSTRUCT FUEL FARM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT THE HAMPTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN HAMPTON, IOWA.** Motion by Lamos, second by Davies to approve Resolution 2026-03. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Davies, Fay, Grefe, Lamos and Holmstrom. Nays: None. Absent: Roode. Resolution 2026-03 approved.

City Manager Dunt presented **Ordinance 410: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE HAMPTON CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.** Motion by Lamos, second by Fay to dispense with the first and second readings of Ordinance 410. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lamos, Grefe, Davies, and Fay. Nays: Holmstrom. Absent: Roode. Motion requires a supermajority and fails.

Motion by Davies, second by Lamos to approve the **first reading of Ordinance 410.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fay, Holmstrom, Grefe, Davies and Lamos. Nays: None. Absent: Roode. Motion Approved.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Birdsall presented the consent agenda. Motion by Lamos, second by Grefe to approve the Consent Agenda and the following items: Approve previous minutes as drafted from Thursday, March 12, 2026 Regular Session; schedule the next Regular Session for Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton City Council Chambers; approve alcohol licensing Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh, 808 4th St. SE, Hampton; approve Temporary Outdoor Service for Pit Row, 19 N Federal Street on Saturday, June 27.

Staff Reports given by Police Chief Morrison, Public Works Director Tarr and City Manager Dunt. City Manager Dunt announced the city has received unofficial notice that they will be receiving a \$100,000. Emergency Catalyst Grant.

Council Reports given by Grefe, Lamos & Davies.

Mayor's Report given by Mayor Birdsall.

Motion to adjourn by Grefe at 7:26, second by Lamos. Motion approved unanimously.

Attest:

Ron Dunt, City Manager

Mayor Steve Birdsall