**MINUTES OF THE**

**HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 8, 2021 AT 5:00PM**

The Hampton City Council met on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00PM. Mayor Rick Shirron called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Invocation was given by Alderman Fricks, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Recorder/Treasurer, Brooke Parker called the roll – Randall - yes, Rogers- yes, Fricks - yes, Bounds - yes, Ingram - yes, Lucas - absent

Alderman Rogers made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes. Alderman Ingram seconded. All in favor? All I’s.

Alderman Fricks made a motion to approve the February 2021 financials. Alderman Bounds seconded. All in favor? All I’s

Mayor Shirron asked if there was any unfinished business that needed to be discussed. There was none.

Moving on to new business, Brooke Parker explained that a new bank account was needed for the 1/2% Sales and Use Tax that is received monthly from the State of Arkansas and stated that the funds can only be used for Capital Improvement. Alderman Rogers made a motion to approve opening the new account. Alderman Ingram seconded. All in favor? All I’s. Also in new business was the City Hall window replacement proposal, but there were not enough bids to present to the council just yet. Mayor Shirron told the council that Engineer, Trey Foster, sent BMD Builders a certified letter regarding the Fire Station Project being delayed and their excuse was Covid. But they are now starting to make progress on the project. Mayor Shirron also informed the council that the Lift Station Construction is set to start on March 22, 2021.

He also stated that the city water & sewer system did well with all of the rain and weather that we had received during the month of February.

Mayor Shirron said that Paul Coates from the Fordyce radio station is coming to talk to the council about being featured on the radio station twice a month and since he was running behind, they could move forward to Alderman comments.

Moving on to Alderman comments,

Alderman Randall – none.

Alderman Ingram stated that she is glad that we did so well during the weather that we had endured.

Alderman Bounds asked if he we had started looking into getting another generator yet. Mayor Shirron said that the one we currently have is working good as of right now but we are looking into the pricing and such of a new one. Bounds asked when the water meter replacements will begin. The Mayor said that they have already started replacing the meters and that it will be a long project.

Alderman Rogers said that there were two big holes in the road that she had called the Water Superintendent about and he came and took care of them right away. She also stated that there is a hole in the ditch on the corner of Olive Street that she noticed when there was a lot of rain water and she believes it may be running into the sewer system. Mayor Shirron said he believes that is the same hole that they address a few days ago.

Alderman Fricks - none

Brooke Parker told the council that we had exited the 2020 Legislative Audit that previous Wednesday and we should be receiving the final documents soon.

Paul Coates joined the meeting and introduced himself. He explained that he wanted to start a program on the radio station called the “Tri-County Plex” and that would include the towns of Rison, Hampton and Bearden. He is wanting the Mayor, council members, employees of the city, or anyone chosen by those to come and speak on his station and inform citizens of what is going on in their community. This would be twice a month for the price of $150.00. The Mayor told Paul that he would discuss it with the council and let him know what they decide on. Mr. Coates left the meeting. The council discussed what he had presented and decided to give it a try for a few months and see how it goes. Attorney Phillip Stone stated that it needed to be allocated to the budget. He also stated that if a contract is presented, he would like to review it before anything is done.

Alderman Ingram made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Randall seconded. All in favor? All I’s. The meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor – Rick Shirron

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