**Present Council Members:** Mayor Robert Brown

Mayor Pro-Tem Beth Chafin

Councilman Kevin Brown

Councilman Travis ‘Pete’ Mixson

Councilman Marvin Love

**Others Present:** Perry McAlhaney, Police Chief

Lewis Ramsey, Fire Chief

Marshall Murdaugh, HFP

1. **Call to Order:**

The Town of Hampton Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brown at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was held in the Hampton Town Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Brown gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **FOIA Compliance:**

Mayor Brown reported the Town is in compliance with the FOIA.

1. **Agenda Adoption:**

Councilwoman Chafin motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilman Love seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2023:**

Councilman Brown motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Chafin seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **Public Comment:**

None.

1. **Tuwana Fryar – Nix St Ball Park and Concessions Stand:**

Not Present.

1. **Old Business:**

* **Appointment of Zoning Administrator/Coordinator:**

Shannon Altman reported that she checked with CC&I to see if they had a service that would temporarily help them out and they do not currently offer that service. Councilman Brown reported on what he learned surrounding municipalities of similar size are doing. He also stated that any projects and/or land purchases in the town cannot move forward until there is someone to sign off on the zoning. We were able to use the County to fulfill this role until recently. Councilman Brown suggested a temporary appointment in this position until we can find a permanent solution.

Councilman Love motioned to table this appointment. Councilwoman Chafin seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

1. **New Business:**

* **None:**

1. **Supervisors’ Report:**

* **Police Department:**

Chief McAlhaney has no requests for the Police Department. He reminded Council to keep the issue of the radio upgrades in mind for the future. He also reported that there was a shooting recently near the UHaul store on Hwy 63/Third St NE, Officers Loadholt and Simpson have made an arrest in the case.

* **Fire Department**:

Marshall Murdaugh reported that the air packs have arrived and thanked council for their efforts in making that happen. He also invited council to come over and take a look at them.

* **Administration:**

Shannon reported that she, Christy and the Mayor met with CC&I to go over some of the code enforcement cases they are working on. They are also working on drafting an ordinance to present to update to the most current code set for building and property maintenance.

Councilman Love asked for an update on the Old Magnolia project. Shannon stated that she spoke to the architect that is working on the site plan, as one was not done at the beginning of the project. He also asked for a status of the report that he requested from Shannon. Shannon stated she had not had a chance to review it for accuracy prior to the meeting; she and Christy have been working on audit prep and business license renewals. Councilwoman Chafin stated that Shannon had spoken to her about what they had going on in the office and they were working on this as well.

1. **Mayor’s Report:**

* Mayor Brown opened it up for any Councilmembers for comments and discussion.
  + Councilman Mixson stated he had no items for discussion tonight but was happy to be feeling well enough to be back at the meeting after having a procedure and spending time in the hospital.
  + Councilwoman Chafin had nothing to discuss at this time.
  + Councilman Love had nothing to discuss at this time.
  + Councilman Brown reported that the Animal Care Fund of Hampton is a new organization in town that has a spay and neuter program. They will be placing traps around town to catch cats that will be spayed or neutered and will be checked for other feline diseases. Their ears will be clipped as to easily identify them.
  + Mayor Brown stated that there are several areas around town that need pressure washing and would like to bid out this service instead of purchasing pressure washing equipment and tying up man power in public works. He stated that the roof at the gazebo will also need to be replaced, he will put it out for bid with metal and shingles. Hospitality funds can be used for both of these projects.
  + Mayor Brown reported that Shannon will be out later this week for training, this training cost is covered by a scholarship she was awarded through the MASC.

1. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Chafin. Councilman Love seconded. All were in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Brown at 7:23 pm.

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Councilman Travis L. Mixson

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