

## COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2024

7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held at Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Ms. Barrett, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Unglesbee. Council Member Zolman was absent. Staff members present were: Town Manager Jim Roark, Chief of Police Dave Snyder, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Hann.

Guests present were: Jason Lytle, Wendy Leishear, Doug Harrell, Larry Hentz, Ron Thomas, and Marlene Duff.

### MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Town Council Meeting minutes of December 12, 2023**. Ms. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

### REPORTS:

All reports were made.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin initiated the discussion of the **Approval of Signage at Spring Garden Elementary School at 700 Boxwood Drive**. Wendy Leishear, Principal at Spring Garden Elementary School, discussed the history of the sign and the reasoning for the proposed replacement. She said the PTA raised just over \$25,000 for the electronic sign to replace the existing 33-year-old sign. They are hoping that the sign will assist in keeping parents aware of current information provided by the school. Mr. Ron Thomas, Strickler Signs, continued to describe the details of the sign. It will be full color with a static back lit LED top showing the school's name, and a variable message board below which the school will be able to manage. The sign will auto dim via use of a photocell. The sign will be 7ft high and 28 sq ft. Mr. Roark added that electronic variable message signs are permitted at schools via the Town Code, but they must be recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved by the Town Council. He said a prior signage approved at Shiloh Middle School was approved with the condition that the sign be turned off between 10pm and 6am. Mayor Nevin said the auto dimming functionality of the proposed sign will make that clause unnecessary for this proposed sign.

Mrs. Painter made a **motion to Approve Signage at Spring Garden Elementary School at 700 Boxwood Drive**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin introduced the discussion of the **Award of Contract to HDR Engineering for Professional/Engineering Services regarding the PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project** and the **Award of Contract to GMB Engineering for Professional/Engineering Services**

**regarding the Hampstead PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project and Task 6.** Mr. Roark explained that the PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project will end up likely costing the Town of Hampstead approximately \$7 million out of pocket above the \$19.5 million grant from the EPA and the loan from MDE. The Town Staff, in consultation with the mayor, decided to move forward with securing agreements with the engineering firms that they have been working with thus far on the project instead of going through the MDE engineer approval process that would take 4 to 6 months longer. HDR Engineering and GMB Engineering will be coordinating together and splitting up the work on the project. GMB will be designing two of the water treatment plants, pipelines, as well as doing surveying and the easement plats. HDR is designing two water treatment plants and procuring the documents to purchase the GAC skids for all four water treatment plants. Additionally, HDR will be awarded a project management service contract, "Task 6." HDR's engineering contract is \$1,364,029, and the project management contract, Task 6, is \$25,000.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the **Award of Contracts to HDR Engineering for Professional/Engineering Services regarding the PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Roark continued discussion of the **Award of Contract to GMB Engineering for Professional/Engineering Services regarding the Hampstead PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project.** The GMB contract is for \$1,497,596.37. There was no additional discussion.

Mr. Unglesbee made a motion to approve the **Award of Contract to GMB Engineering for Professional/Engineering Services regarding the Hampstead PFAS Treatment/Centralization Project.** Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

Ms. Barrett made a **motion to adjourn the meeting.** Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with four votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

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