

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

May 10, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from 5:35 p.m. to 6:23 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davls Street, Hamilton, Missouri.

Present at the meeting were:

Kelth Gilbert, Mayor
Cameron Fast, West Alderman
Robert Grant, West Alderman
Cole Crawford, East Alderman
Deedle Esry, East Alderman

Five members of the board being present constitutes a quorum.

City Staff present were:

Blair Merrigan, City Attorney
Rhabecca Boerkircher, City Administrator
Leslie Bretz, City Clerk

Open Dudley Street Sewer Project Bids (Allstate Consultants): The following bids were received and read by Cary Sayre of Allstate Consultants:

1. M&M Utilities, base bid \$216,600.00
2. Flynn & Sons, base bid \$531,110.00
3. Legacy Underground, base bid \$379,401.00

Call to Order: Mayor Kelth Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: City Attorney Blair Merrigan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to amend the proposed agenda by removing Item #19. Deedle Esry seconded the motion to approve the proposed agenda and the board voted in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Park Board Budget – Christa Horne, Treasurer: Christa Horne reported on the proposed Park Board budget for 2023/2024. Christa said that the Park Board needs to focus on capital improvements. Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that the new nets for the tennis courts have been ordered and installed. Rhabecca said that she has spoken with a representative from

McConnell & Associates about replacing the current tennis courts with a concrete overlay. Rhabecca said she is waiting for the specification from McConnell & Associates and once the specifications are received this job be put out for bid. Rhabecca said that she spoke with Park Board President Dylan Grant and he is look into applying for a grant from the Wallace Project. The grant would be for up to \$10,000.00 per year if the Park Board had a 5-year plan in place for any park projects. Christa Horne reported that the Park Board is also looking into other ways to raise funds.

Resolution 2023-06 – Approve Mayor and City Administrator to Approve Water Contracts:

Cole Crawford read proposed Resolution 2023-06. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve Resolution 2023-06. Cole Crawford seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Resolution 2023-07 – Approve Cole Crawford to Enter Into TAP Grant Contracts: Cameron Fast read proposed Resolution 2023-07. There was a motion Cameron Fast to approve Resolution 2023-07. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Postage Machine: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported to the Board about purchasing a postage meter for City Hall. After much discussion, there was a motion by Cole Crawford to purchase the SendPro Mailstation postage machine. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Resolution 2023-08 – Purchase of Stalker Radar Machine: Mayor Keith Gilbert reported that the City does not have permission from the State of Missouri to use a radar machine on the roadways. Cole Crawford requested that April Melte request permission from the State of Missouri to use a radar machine. Keith Gilbert made a motion to table this matter. Cole Crawford seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Pool Update: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that R-Mech plumbing company has been digging out a section of the pool and blew a hydraulic hose on their equipment and broke a pipe. The hydraulic hose is being fixed and the plumbers will return on Friday, May 12, 2023, to complete the job. Rhabecca said that Action Electric has replaced the lights in the storage area and suggested we might have the roof checked because there was water in the lights. Keith Gilbert asked if MIRMA would do a roof inspection. Rhabecca said that the grates for the pool have been manufactured and will ship May 11, 2023. Rhabecca said the pool is still scheduled to open on May 27, 2023.

Little Otter Creek Water Plant Update: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that Wholesale Water has hired Four Point Land Surveying & Engineering from Hannibal, Missouri to be engineers on phase 1 of the Little Otter Creek project.

Project Updates:

Streets – Aaron Mort update for Council: Aaron Mort reported to the board that 57 blocks have been patched with the Durapatcher over the last 6-7 weeks. Aaron said the estimated cost spent is approximately \$22,000.00 (\$384.00 per block). Aaron said they should be able to continue patching between now and November 1, 2023 (weather permitting). Aaron said they are focusing on big potholes first. Aaron reported that Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the pothole patching is complete and that they are working on Phase 3 which includes SW Johnson Street, SW Ardinger Street, NW Bird Street and Garden Street. Aaron said he would like to see if the City can put in the upcoming budget money for chip & seal for Hughes Street, Gallatin Street, McGaughey Street, and Willis Street. Aaron said we need to salvage the roads we can using chip & seal.

Aaron Mort reported that the street department is currently cleaning out ditches. They have hauled away 21 loads of dirt from 8 different streets.

Police Department: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that the new police vehicle is ready to be picked up and that officer Lena Turpin will leave on May 12, 2023 and fly to pick up the new vehicle. Rhabecca also said the police department will salvage whatever equipment they can from the pickup and once equipment is salvaged then the pickup will be put up for sale.

People Service: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that the water tower has been filled and the fire hydrants that were opened in town have now been closed.

Public Comment: None.


New Business: None.

Council Work Session on the Strategic Plan on May 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.: Rhabecca Boerkircher reported that the Council will hold a work session on May 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Other Business: Mayor Keith Gilbert reported that bids are currently being accepted for sewer jetting. Discussion was had by the Board about clarification of the domestic fowl ordinance, and it was requested that it be put on the agenda for the June 14, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment: Mayor Keith Gilbert made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslie Bretz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton