

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON
August 22, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held Tuesday, August 22, 2023, from 5:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri

Present at the meeting were:

Keith Gilbert, Mayor
Cameron Fast, West Aldermen
Robert Grant, West Aldermen
Deedle Esry, East Aldermen
Cole Crawford, East Aldermen

City Staff present were:

Rhabecca Boerkircher, City Administrator
Leslie Bretz, City Clerk

Call to Order: Keith Gilbert call the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Grant led those present with the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the agenda. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2023, work session meeting minutes: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the July 25, 2023, work session meeting minutes. Deedle Esry seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Bill Number 092223 – Special Events Application and Permit – First Reading: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 092223. The Special Events Application and Permit were previously passed by the board as a Resolution at the regular meeting on August 9, 2023. The members of the board said that in order for the Special Events Application and Permit to be enforced it needs to be an ordinance. It was requested by the Board that the city obtain estimates to fix the electrical boxes near Penney Park. Until the electrical boxes are fixed, the City will not charge for electricity as stated in the Special Events Application. This line will be removed and will be amended once the electrical boxes are fixed. Paragraph 3 of Bill Number 092223 needs to be amended to read "The City recognizes a need to record the number of organized events in the city parks and the resources needed to host such events on city property." The board tabled this matter to the next regular board meeting on September 13, 2023, for the second reading.

Bill Number 080523 – Budget Amendment – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 080523. After discussion by the board, there was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the Budget Amendment. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Robert Grant – abstained; Cameron Fast – Aye; Cole Crawford – Aye; Deedle Esry – Nay. Mayor Keith Gilbert had to break the tie and voted in favor of Bill Number 080523.

Bill Number 080423 – Water and Sewer Rate Increase – Second Reading: Robert Grant read the second reading of Bill Number 080423. There was a motion by Deedie Esry and Robert Grant to open this up for discussion by the board. After much discussion by the board, it was decided not to pass Exhibit "A" attached to Bill Number 080423. The board also discussed raising the water and sewer rates 6% effective January 1, 2024, and simplifying Exhibit "A". Bill Number 080423 needs to be amended to reflect "water and sewer rate increase". There was a motion by Cole Crawford to table this matter. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Bill Number 8172023 – Park Board By-Laws – First Reading: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 8172023. Cole Crawford made a motion to approve Bill Number 8172023. Robert Grant seconded the motion. After discussion Cole Crawford made a motion to send the by-laws back to the Park Board for revision. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. It was discussed that the board of aldermen will submit their concerns in writing to the Park Board prior to their next regular meeting on September 11, 2023.

Tree Trimming: The board discussed tree trimming. It is the mayor's opinion that landowners are responsible for trimming tree limbs that are hanging over into the streets. He said if the city starts trimming tree limbs, then it would become the city's responsibility. Cameron Fast asked that we check to see if there is an ordinance regarding tree trimming.

Smoke Testing: Smoke testing letters were sent out approximately 2 years ago by People Services to the residents of Hamilton. Cameron Fast suggests sending out letters again. Robert Grant suggests sending letters to residents regarding smoke testing being done in their neighborhood.

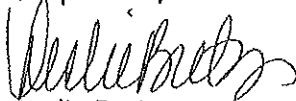
Next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business: None

Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a governmental body, Cameron Fast made a motion to close the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor. Cole Crawford made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Adjourn: Cole Crawford made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton