

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HAMILTON

November 8, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri

Present at Meeting:

Keith Gilbert, Mayor
Cameron Fast, West Alderman (arrived at 5:31 p.m.)
Robert Grant, West Alderman
Cole Crawford, East Alderman
Deedie Esry, East Alderman

City Staff present:

Rhabecca Boerkircher, City Administrator
Leslie Bretz, City Clerk

Call to Order: Mayor Keith Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Cole Crawford led those present in 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

October 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023. Cole Crawford seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Review and Approval of Bills: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the bills. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Bill Number 080423 – Water and Sewer Rate Increase – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 080423. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 080423. Cole Crawford seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 09282023 – Employee Pay Range – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 09282023. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 09282023. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 103120231 – Installation of Stop Signs – First Reading: Robert Grant read the first reading of Bill Number 103120231. The board had a discussion and decided that this bill would be discussed further.

Bill Number 1102201 – Revision of Building Permit Fees – First Reading: Cameron Fast read the first reading of Bill Number 1102201.

Bill Number 100423 – General Code Contract – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 100423. Cole Crawford made a motion to remove “and establishment of a maplink” from the ordinance. Deedle Esry seconded the motion. The removal of the maplink feature would be a savings of \$800.00 for the upfront cost. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Deedle Esry – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 1103231 – MOU with Caldwell County – First Reading: Cameron Fast read the first reading of Bill Number 1103231. There was a discussion by the Board and a representative of CERT.

Project Updates:

Code Enforcement: Rhabecca Boerklicher read Carly Taul’s report to the Board.

Streets: Wade Reed gave the following update to the Board:

1. Oil and rock have been received.
2. The starter on the durapatcher caught on fire. Legacy Towing is towing it to their shop for repair.
3. Mowing is just about done for the year.
4. The pool and ball fields have been winterized.

Police Department: Chief April Melte provided the board with the police report for the month of September 2023. Chief Melte also reported that they were approved for a MIRMA grant to purchase new tasers.

People Service: People Service provided the O&M report for September 2023 to the board for their review.

Public Comment:

Duste Young spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Duste reported on the Christmas tree lighting which will take place on December 2, 2023, at Penney Park. Duste said that the Chamber previously filled out the Special Event Application and paid their fee. Duste requested that the fee previously paid to the City be refunded since the Chamber is a non-profit organization all money raised will be donated to the food pantry. After discussion by the board, there was a motion by Cole Crawford to refund the fee. Deedle Esry seconded the motion. Robert Grant made a motion to amend Cole Crawford and Deedle Esry’s previous motion to refund the Chamber the amount of \$99.00 and the city

would receive \$1.00. Cole Crawford seconded the motion to amend the previous motion. The Board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Travis Trosper spoke to the board regarding inspection fees and the wiring of his building. Travis has used romex wiring with GFI outlets in a wood studded building. The building inspector will accept the wiring in Travis' building if the board accepts the wiring. Cameron Fast made a motion that Travis Trosper can continue building as long as he follows the minimum residential code of 2006. Cole Crawford seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

What rules do other counties/cities follow regarding inspections. Ask attorney prior to next worksession.

Council Work Session November 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.: The next work session will be held on November 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business: Deedie Esry requested that RFP's for street plan to pave streets. Rhabecca Boerkircher requested from the Board a list of streets they want fixed (chip-n-seal).

Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a governmental body, Cole Crawford made a motion to close the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor. Cole Crawford made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Adjourn: Cole Crawford made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton