

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

January 10, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:09 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri

Present at Meeting:

Keith Gilbert, Mayor
Cameron Fast, West Alderman
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: Cameron Fast 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

December 13, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023. Deedie Esry 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. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Bill Number 120123 – Revision of Building Permit Fees – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 120123. Cole stated that the building permit fees were the only fees being amended and that all other fees would be addressed at a later date. Keith Gilbert stated that he disagrees with the increase in the building permit fees. There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve Bill Number 120123. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 12052023 – Installation of Children at Play Sign – Second Reading: Robert Grant read the second reading of Bill Number 12052023. There was a motion by Cole Crawford to approve Bill Number 12052023. Robert Grant seconded the motion. Cameron Fast suggested not having an ordinance for

every sign, but to have a list of signs and where they need to be placed and then an ordinance be prepared. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 01042024 – Non-Election – Two Readings: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 01042024. Deedie Esry read the second reading. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 01042024. Robert Grant seconded the motion. After discussion, Keith Gilbert announced that he will be resigning as mayor effective March 29, 2024. Cole Crawford asked for a 5-minute recess at 5:47 p.m. to speak with legal counsel. The meeting was back in session at 5:50 p.m. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Bill Number 01052024 – Museum Rental Fees – First Reading: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 01052024. The title of the ordinance needs to be corrected to read “JCPenney Museum/Library” prior to the next reading.

Bill Number 010520241 – 2024 Street Improvements – First Reading: Deedie Esry read the first reading of Bill Number 010520241. Cameron Fast asked where Great River Engineering came up with the “lump sum”. Rhabecca will ask Lindsey to clarify before the next meeting.

Bill Number 010520242 – Contract with Multistudio – First Reading: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 010520242. Rhabecca told the board that the contract has been reviewed and signed off by the city attorney and by the attorney for Multistudio.

Resolution Number 2024-1 – Appointment of Liz Gubernatis to the Library Board: Cole Crawford read Resolution Number 2024-1. There was a motion by Cole Crawford to appoint Liza Gubernatis to the Library Board. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Project Updates:

Streets: Wade Reed gave the monthly street report. Wade told the board that they had trouble with the salt spreader but was able to get it up and running. Wade said the snow plow needs a rubber flap to prolong the life of the blade and streets. Wade will get a quote for the rubber flap and report back to the board. Wade said he talked to Eddie Ernat about the Profax welder. Wade also said they have still been replacing stop signs.

Police Department: The monthly police department report was presented to the board.

People Service: The monthly People Service report was presented to the board.

Public Comment: None.

Council Work Session: The next council work session is set for January 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

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 6:15 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cole Crawford – Aye; Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye. Cole Crawford made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Adjourn: Cole Crawford made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz

City Clerk

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