

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

April 9, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri.

Present at Meeting:

Cole Crawford, Mayor
Cameron Fast, West Alderman
Robert Grant, West Alderman
Toni Schmidt, East Alderman
Deedie Esry, East Alderman

City Staff present:

Lauren Dannar, City Administrator
Leslie Bretz, City Clerk

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Cole Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Cameron Fast led those present in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the agenda. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025:** Cole Crawford requested that this item be tabled as minutes were not in the packet. There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to table this item. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

The board was provided with the Minutes of March 12, 2025. After review, there was a motion by Robert Grant to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

5. **Review and approval of Bills:** Cole Crawford requested that this item be tabled as copies of the bank statements were not in the packet. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to table this item. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

The board was provided with copies of the bank statements. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve the bills. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

6. **Bill Number 0302025 – Contract Extension with R&W Containers LLC for Solid Waste Removal – Second Reading:** Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 03022025. There was discussion by the board. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to close discussion. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor. The board voted as follows as to the

approval to extend the contract with R&W with clarification: Cameron Fast – nay; Robert Grant – nay; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye. Cole Crawford broke the tie by voting aye.

7. **Bill Number 040225 – Election of City Clerk – Second Reading:** Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 040225. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 040225. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted as follow: Robert Grant – aye; Cameron Fast – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.
8. **Resolution Number 2025-5 – Appointment of the President of the Board:** Deedie Esry made a motion to appoint Robert Grant as president of the board of aldermen. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor except for Robert Grant who abstained from voting.
9. **Discussion regarding final audit for 2022/2023:** Matthew Partridge spoke to the council regarding the unmodified opinion of the City's final audit ending June 20, 2023.
10. **Address Work Session Votes:** The Council addressed all items voted on in the work session.
11. **CDBG Grant writing and administrator to GHRPC:** The City received 2 proposals. One from Green Hills Regional Planning Commission (GHRPC) and the other from Jonsie, LLC. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to hire GHRPC for grant writing/administration purposes for Won by Won. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Cameron Fast – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.
12. **Project Updates:**
 - Police:** Cole Crawford gave the report on the police department. Chief Wolf is currently working on a statewide audit.
 - Streets:** Wade Reed gave his monthly report to the board. All equipment is running. The park has new mulch. Wade and his crew have been getting the pool ready.
 - People Services:** Blaine Peery gave his monthly report to the board. Chris with People Services was also present and explained to the board what People Services can offer, taking on the wastewater collection maintenance. Blaine said the water plant needs updating. Synder & Associates wrote up a recommendation of the pros and cons of chlorine. There was a motion by Robert Grant for Snyder & Associates and People Services to proceed to make a recommendation for updates to the water treatment plant chlorine system. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Public Comment: Jerry Malone spoke to the board about the proposed pickleball Court.

Katie Skinner spoke to the board about her concerns of the gravel being spread on E. Berry (Old Hwy 36). She lives in city limits at the end of E. Berry.

Old Business: None

Council Work Session: The next council worksession will be held on April 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. This will be a second regular council meeting for the month of April.

The next regular council meeting is set for May 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business: JC Penney statue update was given to the board. There was a motion by Robert Grant to move forward with the procurement process of getting quotes for the statue base and setting of the statue at no expense to the City of Hamilton. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Cameron Fast made a motion to close the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Robert Grant – Aye; Toni Schmidt – Aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye. Deedie Esry made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – Aye; Toni Schmidt – Aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Adjourn: Cameron Fast made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Robert Grant – Aye; Deedie Esry – Aye; Toni Schmidt – Aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Cameron Fast – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton