

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

February 12, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:11 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 5:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lauren Dannar led those present in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Deedie Esry made a motion to approve the agenda. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes:** There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
5. **Review & Approval of Bills:** There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve the bills. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
6. **Bill Number 011425 – Contract with Lauren Dannar to be the City Administrator – Second Reading:** Toni Schmidt read the second reading of Bill Number 011425. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 011425. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Cameron Fast – aye.
7. **Bill Number 020525 – Contract with Snyder & Associates regarding Street and Sewer Improvements – First Reading:** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 020525.

8. **Resolution No. 2025-1 – Amendment to Resolution No.2023-08 to update the Special Events Application Fee Schedule:** Cole Crawford read Resolution No. 2025-1. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Resolution No. 2025-1. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
9. **Resolution No. 2025-2 – Acceptance and Placement of J.C. Penney Statue:** Cole Crawford read Resolution No. 2025-2. There was discussion by the board and the board decided to amend Paragraph 2 to read “for placement adjacent to E.R. Penney Drive”. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to amend Paragraph 2. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor. Larry Snyder spoke to the board regarding the statue. Larry said the official donor of the statue is the HCSC Alumni Club. There was further discussion the board and the board decided to take out the wording “J.C. Penney Memorial Library and Museum Maintenance Trust” in the first Whereas and in Item 1 and replace it with “HCSC Alumni Club”. The wording “not to exceed 625 square feet” will be deleted and Item 3 would read “The City will coordinate with J.C. Penney Memorial Library and Museum Maintenance Trust to ensure that the statue is installed using donated funds by HCSC and others.” There was a motion by Robert Grant to further amend Resolution No. 2025-2. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board voted favor.
10. **Discuss RFQ’s for 2024-2025 Auditor:** Lauren Dannar spoke to the board regarding the City’s current auditor. Lauren reached out to city attorney and was given a couple auditor’s for her to contact. There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to send out RFQ’s for auditing services for 2024/2025. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
11. **Project Updates:**
 - Police:** Chief Mark Wolf reported that he has interviewed several but hasn’t hired anyone yet. There is an ad for police officers posted on Indeed.
 - Mark was asked about the broken windows at Twigs, Rust & Dust. The Sheriff’s department contacted Mark to tell him that they had no leads and that there were no cameras near the area.
 - Streets:** Wade Reed gave his monthly report to the board. They have been moving snow. The water pump in the F550 went out and is currently at Hosman Automotive waiting for the part to arrive. All the other equipment is running well, and oil has been changed in the equipment. Durapatching is done for the winter and has been winterized. Street signs are being changed out. The street department is helping People Service with checking the depths in manholes.
 - People Services:** Cole Crawford read the monthly report to the board.
12. **Public Comment:** Bob Hughes gave an update to the board regarding Business Hwy 36 (improving streets, cleaning up area, etc).

13. Old Business: Robert Grant asked if there is a meeting of the Whole Sale Water District.

Cole Crawford reported that the Beautification Project (TAP Grant) starts next week.

14. Council Work Session: The next council worksession will be held on February 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

15. Regular Council Meeting: The next regular council meeting will be held on March 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

16. Unfinished Business: Troy with Snyder & Associates spoke to the council regarding the list of streets that are a priority. Troy passed out a map and the list of streets for the council to review. The board discussed removing Bird Street and replacing it with S. Johnson Street.

17. Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Toni Schmidt made a motion to close the meeting at 6:51 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. Robert Grant made a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:10 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.

18. Adjourn: Robert Grant made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Deedie Esry 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

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