

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

June 11, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:56 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri.

Present at Meeting:

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

City Staff present:

Lauren Dannar, City Administrator
Leslie Bretz, City Clerk

Not Present:

Cameron Fast, West Alderman

Call to Order: Mayor Cole Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Approve Agenda: Mayor Cole Crawford requested the agenda be amended to amend Item 13 to add the reading of Resolution No. 2025-13 after discussion of the proposed 2025/2026 Budget. There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve the amended agenda. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2025 Regular Meeting:

There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2025. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

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

Public Comment:

- a. Shonna Morrison – Discuss 3C Power in Partnership: Shonna Morrison spoke on behalf of 3C. 3C meets with children in grades 6th – 8th and talks about drug prevention. They are funded through a grant and would like to hold meetings at the library. There was a motion by Robert Grant for the mayor to enter into a MOU with 3C. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
- b. Jessi Green spoke on behalf of businesses in town regarding the rate increase for commercial trash accounts.

- c. Won by One: Rebecca with GHRPC spoke on behalf of Won by One. They need to hire an architect (contingent of grant award). There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve the preselection of architect services of Ellison-Auxier Architects, Inc. and contingent upon attorney review of contract. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Resolution No. 2025-10 – Brandon Smith to the Hamilton Park Board: There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Brandon Smith to the Hamilton Park Board. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Resolution No. 2025-11 – Bridget Foreman to the Library Board: There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bridget Foreman to the Library Board. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Bill Number 05142025 – Establishing Pay Ranges for Employees – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read Bill Number 05142025. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 05142025. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

Bill Number 052725 – Amending the Building Permit Fee Schedule – Second Reading: Cole Crawford read Bill Number 052725. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 052725. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

Bill Number 06042025 – Contract with J.C. Kirkendoll, III – Chief of Police – First & Second Reading: Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 06042025. Robert Grant read the second reading. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 06042025. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

Resolution No. 2025-12 – 2024/2025 Budget Amendment: Cole Crawford read Resolution No. 2025-12. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Resolution No. 2025-12. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Resolution No. 2025-13 – 2025/2026 Proposed Budget: The board discussed the 2025/2026 Proposed Budget. Cole Crawford read Resolution No. 2025-13. Robert Grant made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-13. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Resurfacing Parking Areas: There was a motion by Robert Grant to move forward with the resurfacing of the parking areas. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Street Project Update: The board discussed the street project.

Project Updates:

Mayoral Update: Cole Crawford gave the board an update on the disc golf baskets being installed at the reservoir. The weeds at the Butterfly Park have been sprayed. The farmer's market has begun and there is a summer reading program at the library.

Police Department: Lauren Dannar gave an update on the police department.

Streets: Wade Reed reported that there has been maintenance on the police cars. Durapatching and crack sealing are continuing. The crew has been brush hogging the reservoir. All park equipment has been power washed.

People Services: Lauren Dannar read the monthly report from People Services.

Old Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Council Work Session: The next worksession will be held on June 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular council meeting is set for July 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Robert Grant made a motion to close the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt; and Deedie Esry – aye. Deedie Esry made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt; and Deedie Esry – aye.

Adjourn: Robert Grant made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt; and Deedie Esry - aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz

City Clerk

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