

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

August 13, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 5:33 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri.

Present at Meeting:

Cole Crawford, Mayor

Robert Grant, West Alderman

Cameron Fast, West Alderman (was not present at start of meeting, but appeared via Facetime/Zoom at 5:50 p.m. and then appeared in person at 6:15 p.m.)

Deedie Esry, East Alderman

Toni Schmidt, 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 5:33 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Deedie Esry led those present in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve the agenda. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting:**
There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the meeting minutes from July 9, 2025. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
5. **Review and Approval of Bills:** There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the bills. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
6. **Public Comment:** Bud Motzinger reported that he attended a meeting with Cole Crawford and Bob Hughes in St. Joseph last week.
7. **D.A. Davidson:** Steve and Brock with D.A. Davidson discussed selling the bonds for the street project. After discussion, there was a motion by Deedie Esry to sell \$1,500,000 (this amount includes any processing fees) in bonds. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye, Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.
8. **Bill No. 081125 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 Article IV of the Hamilton City Code – Disposal of Grass Clippings - First Reading:** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill No. 081125. There was discussion regarding yard waste and place to dump it. There was a motion by

Deedie Esry to open the old rodeo grounds for yard waste disposal and city staff to set up dates and times. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

9. **Bill Number 081225 – Ordinance Setting Tax Levy for Property Taxes for Year 2025 – First Reading:** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 081225.

10. **Bill Number 081325 – Conflict of Interest Policy – First Reading:** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 081325.

11. **Resolution Number 2025-16 – Blue Shield Program:** Chief Kirkendoll spoke to the board about the Blue Shield Program. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve Resolution No. 2025-16. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

12. **Police Equipment Requests:** Chief Kirkendoll spoke to the board about equipment requests. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to purchase 2 Toughbooks for the police department vehicles. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

There was a motion by Cameron Fast to purchase AXON body cameras and MULES (budget annually). Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

There was a motion by Cameron Fast to enter into a service agreement with Lexipol to update the police department policy. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

13. Project Updates:

- a. **Police Department Update:** Chief J.C. Kirkendoll gave an update to the council.
- b. **Mayoral Update – Cole Crawford:** Cole spoke to the board regarding the following:
 - 1. City Wide Garage Sales on August 16th.
 - 2. Airing of the Quilts on August 15th & 16th.
 - 3. Gas & Steam Engine show August 15th – 17th
 - 4. Ice Cream Social at Federated Church.
 - 5. Farmer's Market on August 16th.
- c. **Street Update:** Wade Reed gave the following update:
 - 1. Durapatching.
 - 2. Mowing.
 - 3. Using the brush hog.
 - 4. Spraying.
 - 5. Checking ditches and culverts.
 - 6. New white strips in PD parking lot.
 - 7. Crack filling.
- d. **People Services:** No report received this month. Lauren gave an update regarding dredging the water lagoons and chlorine room project.

14. Old Business: Discussed getting health insurance bids.

15. Work Meeting on August 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

16. Regular Council Meeting on September 10, 2025, at 5:50 p.m.

17. Unfinished Business: None

18. 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 7:09 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt; and Deedie Esry – aye. Deedie Esry made a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt; and Deedie Esry – aye.

Adjourn: Deedie Esry made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Robert Grant seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie Bretz".

Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton