

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

August 26, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:33 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 (appeared via Zoom)
Deedie Esry, East Alderman
Toni Schmidt, East Alderman

City Staff present:

Lauren Dannar, City Administrator (appeared via Zoom)
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:** Cole Crawford 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 –**
July 22, 2025 - Regular Meeting
There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.
5. **Street Improvement Phase 1 Project Updates:** Lauren Dannar gave an update on the street improvement project:
 - a. Approve contractor of Phase 1 at next regular council meeting of 9/10/2025.
 - b. Schedule a Special Meeting for bond approval.
 - c. Bonds are ready to be sold.
 - d. Need to set up a reserve fund.
 - e. Interest rate is 4.69%.

Phase 2 Update:

- a. Out for bid in September/October 2025.
- b. Phase 2 to start in 2026
- c. Will need to sell bonds again.

6. **Tax Levy Bill Number 081225 – Second Reading:** Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 081225. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 081225. Robert

Grant seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Toni Schmidt – aye; and Cameron Fast – aye.

7. **Police Vehicle and Equipment:** Lauren talked about the request by the police department to purchase 2 new vehicles. A quote from Randy Curnow was received. The 2020 Ford Explorer can be traded in or sold to another agency. Lauren stated she is working on a MIRMA grant for equipment. After discussion, there was a motion by Cameron Fast to purchase two new vehicles and trade in or put out for the bid the 2020 Ford Explorer and old truck. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Cameron Fast – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Robert Grant – aye.
8. **Committee Updates:** There was a discussion regarding the City Administrative role. Look into code that do not have an ordinance to back up code. Nuisance committee meeting on September 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
9. **Park Electrical:** There was discussion about park electrical. Lightening for the statue and flagpole needs connection. Get final engineering plans for park electrical.
10. **City Hall Parking Lot Drainage:** Lauren discussed with council the two options that Troy gave. First option, above grade gutter system. Second option, subgrade drains.
11. **Public Comment:** None.
12. **Old Business:** None.
13. **Regular Council Meeting on September 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**
14. **Work Session Meeting on September 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.**
15. **Unfinished Business:** None.
16. **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 7:05 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Robert Grant – aye. Robert Grant 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.
17. **City Administrator:** There was a motion by Deedie Esry to honor Lauren’s request for a pay increase. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

18. Adjourn: There was a motion by Robert Grant to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Leslie Bretz

City Clerk, City of Hamilton