

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

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

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, November 12, 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  
Cameron Fast, West Alderman  
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 5:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Cole Crawford led those present in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve the agenda. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2025:** Robert Grant requested an amendment be made to Item No. 6 to read “W. Harris”. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2025, as amended. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board all voted in favor.
5. **Review and Approval of Bills:** There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve the bills. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Bill Number 10022025 - An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinances of the City of Hamilton – First Reading.** Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 10022025. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 10022025. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.
8. **Bill Number 11032025 – MOU with Caldwell County Community Organizations Assisting in Disasters and Caldwell County Emergency Response Team. First Reading.** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 11032025. There was discussion by the Board. Need to clarify access to bathroom/basement.

9. **Bill Number 10312025 – Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Lease with Lakeview Golf Club, Inc. – Second Reading.** Cole Crawford read the second reading of Bill Number 10312025. There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve Bill Number 10312025. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Toni Schmidt – aye; and Deedie Esry – aye.
10. **Bill Number 11042025 – Ordinance Designating a Truck Route for Commercial Vehicles – First Reading.** Robert Grant read the first reading of Bill Number 11042025. There was discussion by the board. Need to clarify the streets.
11. **Bill Number 11072025 – Ordinance Approving Final Subdivision Plat for Stoddard Development – First Reading.** Cole Crawford read the first reading of Bill Number 11072025.
12. **Discuss Purchase of Public Works Truck and Utility Bed** – Lauren spoke to the council on the need for an additional truck and utility bed for the F250 for public works. After discussion, there was a motion by Camron Fast to purchase a utility bed for the F250. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

There was a motion by Deedie Esry to purchase a new truck with tow package and snowplow. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

The 1993 flatbed pickup to be put out for bid.

There was motion by Robert Grant to put the 2009 Chevy half-ton pickup up for bid or trade-in as requested by Wade Reed, Public Works Supervisor. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted in favor except for Deedie Esry who abstained from voting.
13. **Discuss Sidewalks/Crosswalk at Ardinger Street and Memorial Drive** – There was discussion by the board and discussion about the bridge on W. Samuel between Ardinger and Frame Street. This will be discussed further after the city engineers look into this.
14. **Update on Pool** – Lauren gave an update on the pool income and expense report. A handout was given to the board for their review.
15. **Discuss Options at Ball Field** – Cole reported to the board that the Park Board is working on a plan for the concession area, storage and lights. Courtaney Hughes also spoke to the board.
16. **Discuss Options at Tennis Court** – There was discussion by the board about the tennis courts. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to demo the old tennis court in preparation for a recreational project. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

**17. Project Updates:**

- a. **Mayoral Update:** Cole Crawford gave an update on events and spoke about the update on the remodel at City Hall.
- b. **Police Update:** Chief Kirkendoll gave his monthly update.
- c. **Streets:** Wade Reed gave his monthly update. Durapatching on W. Harris. Mowing has stopped. Helping other departments as needed. All equipment is running as it should.
- d. **People Services:** Blaine Peery gave his monthly update.

**18. Old Business:** Deedie Esry asked for the status of logos. Cole said he would follow up.

**19. Council Work Meeting on November 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** Cameron Fast made a motion that the work meeting on December 23, 2025, be cancelled. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

**20. Regular Council Meeting on December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** Toni Schmidt said she will not be available to attend the meeting. Lauren Dannar will only be available via Zoom from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**21. Unfinished Business:** None.

**22. Closed Session:** Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Deedie Esry made a motion to close the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Cameron Fast seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye. Robert Grant made a motion to re-open the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

**23. Adjourn:** There was a motion by Robert Grant to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz

City Clerk

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