

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

January 14, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:39 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Davis Street, Hamilton, Missouri.

**Present at Meeting:**

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

**Not Present:**

Cole Crawford, Mayor

1. **Call to Order:** Board President Robert Grant called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lauren Dannar 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 – December 10, 2025:** There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.
5. **Review and Approval of Bills:** There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve the bills. Cameron Fast seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.
6. **Public Comment:** Bob Hughes asked council about using the old cemetery on Harris Street as a pollinator plot. Street Department will no longer mow the cemetery.  
  
Bob Grant spoke about being opposed to two readings at a meeting unless it is a necessity.
7. **Bill Number 01092026 – Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract for Prosecuting Attorney Services – First Reading.** Deedie Esry read the first reading.
8. **Bill Number 01092026-1 – Ordinance to enter into a Contact with Piper Sandler & Co for Financial Services – First & Second Reading.** Cameron Fast read the first reading of Bill Number 01092026-1. Robert Grant read the second reading of Bill No. 01092026-1. There was a motion by Toni Schmidt to approve Bill No. 01092026-1. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Cameron Fast – aye.
9. **Bill Number 01092026-2 – Ordinance Establishing a Police Captain Job Descript and Pay Scale – First Reading.** Robert Grant read the first reading.

**10. Project Updates:**

- a. **City Administrator Update:** Lauren Dannar gave an update on the street improvement project, pool, MIRMA training conference and GNWD in Jefferson City.
- b. **Police Update:** Chief Kirkendoll gave his monthly update on calls, arrests, etc.; Central Square; new hire – Mason Kipp will start academy; Chief is attending supervisor school through KU.
- c. **Streets:** Wade Reed gave his monthly update.  
The motor grader is now running. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to move forward with selling the motor grader and for funds to be placed in a reserve for future equipment purchases. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.
- d. **People Services:** Blaine Peery gave his monthly report.

**11. Old Business:** None.

**12. Regular Council Meeting February 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**

**13. Council Work Session on January 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

**14. Unfinished Business:** None.

**15. Closed Session:** Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Cameron Fast made a motion to close the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt. Cameron Fast made a motion to re-open the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; and Toni Schmidt – aye.

**16. Adjourn:** There was a motion by Deedie Esry to adjourn at 7:39 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Leslie Bretz

City Clerk

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