

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

April 8, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:26 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

Also Present:

Sean Connelly

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Cole Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Robert Grant led those present in the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Mayor Crawford requested that Item 9 be removed from the agenda and Deedie Esry requested that Item 17a be added "projected priorities". There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve the agenda as amended. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026:** There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026. Toni Schmidt 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. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Bill Number 03022026 – An Ordinance Providing for the Election and Setting for the Duties, Salary and Term of the Office of City Clerk – Second Reading.** Cole Crawford read the second reading. There was a motion by Deedie Esry to approve Bill Number 03022026. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Cameron Fast – aye.

Cole Crawford administered the oath of office to Leslie Bretz, City Clerk.

8. **Bill Number 04062026 – An Ordinance for Engine Break Signs - First Reading.** Robert Grant read the first reading.
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10. Resolution No. 2026-2 – DNR Clean State Revolving Fund Program: Cole Crawford read Resolution No. 2026-2. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Resolution No. 2026-2. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

11. Discussion regarding Stop Signs on S. Colby Street – There was discussion regarding the placement and removal of stop signs on S. Colby Street. The road needs to be engineered to support 18 wheelers.

12. Discussion regarding Sidewalks – The board discussed the Penney Park electrical. The park electrical will be sent out for bid.

13. Project Updates:

- a. Mayoral Update:** Cole Crawford gave his monthly update on the Farmer’s Market starting the 1st week of May; Pool employees are in the process of being hired; work is continuing on the disc golf course; yard waste pickup the week of April 20th; demo of tennis court has commenced and waiting for plans from engineer.
- b. Police Update:** Chief Kirkendoll gave his monthly update on calls, reports, arrests, etc. A typed copy of said report was provided to council
- c. Streets:** Wade Reed gave his monthly update. Ditching and installing culverts for street project; working on demoing tennis courts; mowing has started; and installed new door on street barn.
- d. People Services:** Blaine Peery gave his monthly report. A typed copy of said report was provided to council

14. Old Business: Robert Grant asked about the status of Helping Hands removing items from the old street barn. Lauren advised that Dakota with Helping Hands has been notified to remove items. Robert Grant also asked about the farm equipment being stored on city property near theatre on Ardinger street. Someone from the police department will follow up on this.

15. Regular Council Meeting May 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

16. Council Work Session on April 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

17. Unfinished Business: None.

17a. Projected Priorities: Deedie Esry asked about projected priorities. Growth of the city. Wants a firm maintenance plan and projected costs. Lauren said that she would contact Rebecca at Green Hills Regional Planning Commission and inquire about a community survey plan and what the cost would be. Cameron Fast suggested a “year in review” of what the city has completed for the year and what the city will be working on and put this handout in the monthly bills.

18. Closed Session: Pursuant to RsMO 610.21.1, involving personnel issues, legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Toni Schmidt made a motion to close the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Deedie Esry 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 7:19 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.

43rd Probation and Parole: There was a motion by Cameron Fast to give notice to 43rd Probation and Parole that they will have 6 months from May 1, 2026, to vacate. Robert Grant seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.

Foundation at Library: Lauren reported that the foundation has settled ½” from last year. There is a quote from Foundation Recovery (same company who fixed foundation last year). Quote has been sent to City engineer.

19. Adjourn: There was a motion by Deedie Esry to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Robert Grant seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Robert Grant – aye; Deedie Esry and Toni Schmidt – aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton