

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

April 29, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

A regular work session meeting of the City of Hamilton Board of Aldermen was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, from 5:32 p.m. to 8:09 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 5:32 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 amend the agenda and remove Items 6 & 7. Cameron Fast seconded the motion as amended, and the board all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2026:** There was a motion by Cameron Fast to approve the meeting minutes from March 25, 2026. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion and the board all voted in favor.
5. **Bill Number 04062026 – An Ordinance for Engine Brake Signs – Second Reading:** Cameron Fast read the second reading of Bill Number 04062026. There was a motion by Robert Grant to approve Bill Number 04062026. Cameron Fast seconded the motion and the board voted as follows: Cameron Fast – aye; Toni Schmidt – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Deedie Esry – aye.
5. **Bill Number 04242026 – An Ordinance regarding Camping at the Hamilton Reservoir – First Reading:** Cameron Fast read the first reading of Bill Number 04242026. There was discussion by the board. Designate areas for tent camping and RV camping. Add language “anyone deemed a nuisance by law enforcement subject to be removed from premises”.
6. **Resolution No. 2026-4 – Appointing Joshua Doan to the Hamilton Park Board:** Cameron Fast read Resolution No. 2026-4. There was a motion by Cameron Fast to appoint Joshua Doan to the Hamilton Park Board. Deedie Esry seconded the motion and the board voted in favor.
7. **Update on Park Electrical:** The park electrical is out for bid.
8. **Discussion on 2026-2027 Budget:** Lauren Dannar gave an update on the budget.

9. **Update on Audit and Financials:** Lauren Dannar gave an update on the audit and financials. We are pausing on the new billing software as the audits are our main focus. The 23/24 and 24/25 should be completed by August 2026. Lauren gave an update on the ARPA funds. The yearly report was filed on time. Lauren has requested an invitation for close out.
10. **Update on Police Building:** Hamilton Civic Progress Group paid off the loan on the police building.
11. **Discussion of camping at reservoir:** The board discussed allowing camping at the reservoir.
12. **Update on Yard Waste Pickup:** Last week's yard waste pickup went well.
13. **Public Comment:** Bob Hughes spoke about the Farmer's Market that starts on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Coffee with a cop is set for May 9, 2026, at the Farmer's Market.
14. **Old Business:** Robert Grant asked about the GIS program and there was discussion.
15. **Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**
16. **Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 5:30 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 7:11 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion. The board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Cameron Fast – aye. Robert Grant made a motion to re-open the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Deedie Esry seconded the motion, and the board voted as follows: Toni Schmidt – aye; Deedie Esry – aye; Robert Grant – aye; and Cameron Fast.
19. **Adjourn:** There was a motion by Robert Grant to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Toni Schmidt seconded the motion, and the board all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bretz
City Clerk
City of Hamilton