

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
August 1, 2011

The Hamilton City Council met in regular session at 7:00p.m. with Mayor Woodruff, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Repplinger, and Johnson answering roll call.

Mayor Woodruff led everyone in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Bierbaum moved to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2011 meeting. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Repplinger and Johnson voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor Woodruff read Proclamation stating that the month of September 2011 would be National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover. Joe Little, Associate Director from the Mental Health Centers located in Carthage, IL was present to accept the proclamation.

Mayor Woodruff welcomed visitors. Linda Hendricks and Wanda Goldsmith requested the Council to look into the house on 5th and Main Street. She noted that it has been in terrible shape for years and there are several wild animals getting into the house. City Attorney, Stan Tucker reported that they have contacted the owner and he will follow up to see where this issue stands.

Mayor Woodruff read four letters from Mediacom addressing their programming and channel changes as follows:

- Channels 23-80 move to digital – older TVs will need receivers or adapters
- Channel 176 – Tennis channel will expire on September 3, 2011
- Channel 186 – NFL network added to Digital Plus subscribers
- Channel 187 – NFL Redzone offered for \$49.95 for each NFL Season
- Channel 69 – Family Cable changed to Digital requiring digital ready TV or converter

Summers reported that the Health and Safety Committee held a meeting on August 31st. She noted that the committee discussed the request to put a stop sign at 15th and Laurel. The committee agreed to ask the Street Committee for their input.

Summers reported that the Hamilton Fire Department is hosting a Safety Expo on September 24th from 8am to 12:30pm. She noted that this will involve several agencies in the community and is geared to promote safety and what services are available.

Summers reported that Assistant Chief Bryan Finch will be attending Taser Recertification on October 4th at a cost of \$175.

Summers reported that the committee discussed the county ambulance issue.

Perry Cameron with the Hancock County EMS was present and addressed the Council regarding the issue of the County keeping an ambulance in service 24/7. He reported that to the Council that they are having trouble having enough volunteers to keep it in service. He stated that they would like to look further into housing a County ambulance in the Hamilton Fire Department. By sharing staffing between Warsaw and Hamilton the County would be able to stay in service 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. He noted that he spoke with the Fire Chief and will be meeting with them on September 12th. It was asked what the cost would be for Hamilton and Perry reported that the County would be providing everything including the billing. He noted that the cost to the City would possibility just be the electricity from the ambulance being plugged in. If anyone had any questions, he asked for them to fill free to call him anytime.

Summers thanked the Police Department and all the emergency teams that worked the scene at the terrible tragedy recently. She noted that Asst. Chief Bryan Finch and Patrolman Robb Bell were recognized for doing their job and working as a team in the stressful situation. Summers reported that Bryan had received a very nice email from Air-Evac regarding his hands on at the scene.

Richardson reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting on August 22nd. He noted that the committee discussed fraud and went thru a handout "Employee Dishonesty" that was in the Illinois Review magazine.

Richardson reported the committee reviewed expenditures and discussed items that were over the expected percentages.

Richardson noted that the committee discussed renewing the Ameren Energy Marketing Contract. He stated that this was on the agenda for approval tonight. He noted that last year we saved \$8,958.00 and anticipates saving \$10,135.00 in this coming year.

Richardson stated that Jean Massey was checking into the cost of the Welcome to Hamilton sign being repaired.

Richardson reported that we had received a check for our income tax in the amount of \$28,179.96. He noted that the state is still \$156,000.00 behind what we are owed. He stated that we also received \$3,469.00 for use tax.

Richardson made a motion to approve the Finance Agenda Items 2 -3:

2. Selected Check Registers
3. Treasurer's Report

Summers seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried by omnibus vote with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Richardson made a motion to approve the Ameren Contract. Schlatter seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Schlatter and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee held a meeting August 22nd. He noted the committee reviewed options for the repair of the upper water intake. Tim stated that they were looking at the option of building an earth berm around the project. It appears to be the cheapest and safest. He noted that the IDNR wants a written procedure including drawings of what we are planning to do.

Schlatter reported that Park Drive lift station has one pump damaged. We received an estimate of \$6,820.00 to repair the pump or \$13,000 to purchase a new one. The committee decided to go ahead and repair the pump versus buying a new one. He noted that the old pump controls need to be replaced estimating to cost \$500.00.

Schlatter reported that the lights are in at the water plant and works very well.

Mayor Woodruff reported that the old utility truck has been sold to Frank Carnes for \$2,500.00.

Schlatter reported that they will flush fire hydrants later this fall after the temperatures cool down.

Schlatter reported the committee heard positive comments regarding the meter reader position.

Schlatter made a motion to approve Water and Sewer Agenda Items 2-3:

2. Approve Aron Metternich and Chris Mott Water Operator Conf Springfield, IL \$165 each plus Hotel & Travel
3. Approve Payment Request to Laverdiere Construction Lights at Water Plant

Bierbaum seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, and Bierbaum voting aye. Motion carried by omnibus vote with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Bierbaum reported the Street Committee held a meeting on August 24th. He noted that the Street department has been working on the road to the golf course. They have built it up and it is a lot safer to drive thru there.

Bierbaum reported they are finished with the chip and seal program. He noted that they only did 5 blocks this year.

Bierbaum made a motion to approve closing Broadway between 9th and 11th on September 24th for the Safety Expo. Replinger seconded the motion. Bierbaum noted that they were going to get back to us if they were going to need it all the way to 11th. Roll call was called with Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, and Summers voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Bierbaum reported that the Street Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 p.m. He noted that the Committee will discuss the opening in the street department at the end of October.

Johnson reported that they had advertised for trash pick up for the City owned properties. He noted the bids are to be in on September 27th.

Replinger submitted the following building permits: 10' x 6' x 8' Storage Shed to Doug Bolton at 110 South 16th Street, 12' x 6' x 8' Storage Shed to Dan Denning at 880 Church Street, and 18' x 8' x 10' Storage Shed to John Alexander at 1720 Oak Street. Replinger moved to approve the permits. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, and Boone voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Bierbaum made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, and Richardson voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Summers made a motion to return to open session. Eddings seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, and Replinger voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger and Johnson voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk