

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
November 21, 2011

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

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

Summers moved to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting. Johnson 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 Woodruff asked for a motion to approve Bob Eddings to the Finance Committee. Bierbaum made a motion to approve appointing Bob Eddings to the Finance Committee. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, and Johnson voting aye. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes. Eddings abstained.

Mayor Woodruff welcomed Kim Taylor and Jackie Whitaker from the Merchant’s Association. Kim reported that Christmas Open House would be held on Thursday, December 8th from 5-8pm. She noted that so far they had 23 business signed up to participate. Carthage Memorial Hospital will be setting up in City Hall. She noted that the Merchant’s Association is donating \$800.00 to be given away during the event. The Merchant’s Association requested the City donate \$300.00 to be used for advertising for the event.

Richardson made a motion to approve the donation of \$300.00 to the Merchant’s for the Christmas Open House advertising. Boone 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. This item was not listed on the agenda and will be ratified at the next City Council meeting held in December.

Mayor Woodruff read a letter from Mediacom stating the following increases to become effective December 15th:

Broadcast Basic	\$29.95	Increase \$2.00
Family Cable	\$68.59	Increase \$3.00
Family Cable w Digital 1 Star	\$79.95	Increase \$0.55
Cinemax	\$12.95	Increase \$2.00
Showtime	\$12.95	Increase \$2.00
Digital Plus	\$14.00	Increase \$2.00
Wireless Home Networking	\$ 3.95	Increase \$1.00
Paperless Bill Credit		Eliminated

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Richardson reported the Finance Committee held a meeting on November 8th. He noted that the committee discussed the Employee Christmas party to be held on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. The committee agreed to set the budget at \$600.00 and those unable to attend would receive a turkey.

Richardson reported the Tort Liability Insurance premium amount is \$84,069.

Richardson reported that the Eagle Days Show will be held January 21st at the Community Center. The Illinois Raptor Center is scheduled for the same price as last year, \$794.60.

Mayor Woodruff reported that he would like to have someone videotape the drive from Hamilton to Nauvoo and post it on the internet to promote tourism.

Richardson reported that the City Treasurer is going to check on rates to invest part of the General Fund account into a CD.

Richardson asked City Attorney, Stan Tucker to read Ordinance #7 Levy and Assessment of taxes. Richardson made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Summers seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, and Bierbaum voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee held a meeting on November 15th. He noted that the committee discussed the sewer repairs at the Frank's residence.

Schlatter reported that the committee reviewed the applications and interviewed 5 individuals for the position at the Water Plant.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Bierbaum reported the Street Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Bierbaum made a motion to approve Marvin Tappe as Assistant Street Superintendent with an increase to \$40,000 effective October 31st. Richardson seconded the motion. 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.

Summers had nothing to report for the Health and Safety Committee.

Johnson had nothing new to report for the Building and Grounds Committee.

Replinger reported there were no demolition/building permits to approve.

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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 Richardson, Repplinger, Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, and Boone voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

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

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Bierbaum seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Johnson, Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, and Repplinger voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk

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