

Hamilton City Council  
1010 Broadway St.  
December 19, 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”.

Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. Bierbaum 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 welcomed visitor Jim Reneau representing the Montebello Township. Reneau addressed the council regarding a garage in the Wind River Subdivision. He stated that a year and a half ago the City of Hamilton approved a building permit for the garage. The resident was to abide by all the setbacks which he has not. The garage was being built in the road right away and the 25’ setback. The resident corrected the concrete out of the road right away but continued to build and complete the garage in the 25’ setback. Reneau stated that the Township sent the resident a certified letter which he signed and received instructing him to not build the garage but he ignored it and built in anyway. The Township has talked to their attorney who advises them that the City of Hamilton is responsible since a building permit was issued and paid for. Reneau stated the Township also sent the resident a letter asking him to sign off holding the Township liable from any damage from oil and chip or snow removal being that it is so close to the road but he would not sign it. The Township is concerned that he is waiting for something to happen and then will sue the Township. The Council members stated that they thought after the resident removed the concrete that it was taken care of. Reneau stated that the covenant for the subdivision also states that it should not be in front of his house. City Attorney, Stan Tucker reported he had written to the resident as well and will forward copies to Reneau. Tucker suggested we have the cities Building Inspector, Tim Hempen go out and inspect it and we will discuss it again at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Woodruff reported they will be having the Christmas Light Contest again this year. He noted that residents could register at City Hall until Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm. Judging will be on Thursday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Winners will be announced at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Woodruff gave an update on the Economic Board and Summit. He noted that he had been working with several others making a strategic plan for the County. He stated that they believe it is going to have to be a county effort to get any type of Corporation here. Their meeting is tomorrow night after the County Board meeting.

Mayor Woodruff thanked Ameren for their work on Thanksgiving Day to fix the poles due to the beaver. He also thanked the Fire Department for their help with the traffic due to the road being closed to all traffic to and from Iowa.

Mayor Woodruff also thanked Bill and Steve Helenthal and Kim Taylor for all their help in making the Hamilton Open House a huge success.

Richardson asked for a motion to approve the IMLRMA Insurance premium of \$84,069.00. He noted that we did not receive the quote from the other company. Eddings made a motion to approve the premium. Summers seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Richardson reported the Mayor and the Treasure are still looking into rates to transfer the \$100,000 CD to.

Mayor Woodruff reported he attended a MVP meeting on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in Carthage. He noted that Norine Hammond, State Representative was there and they were able to discuss with her a few issues they were concerned with.

Richardson reported that the State of Illinois is still 5 months behind approximately \$84,489.71.

Mayor Woodruff gave a report on preparations being made for the Dam Celebration. He noted that they reviewed slides that Ameren owed and heard information regarding the dam and the safety. He stated that they are hoping to have the Discovery Channel come and do a story about our dam.

Richardson reported we had received sales tax money in the amount of \$13,469.34.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee held a meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He noted that they had interviewed another candidate for the water operator position. He stated that they should be ready to recommend a person to hire at the next meeting in January.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Bierbaum reported that the Street Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Bierbaum requested that the Ordinance Vacating the alley between Walnut and Main Streets between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets be added to the agenda for the next City Council meeting.

Summers reported that the Health and Safety Committee held a meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Fire Chief, Steve Helenthal reported that they were in need of purchasing 10 new pagers for the Fire Department at a cost of around \$5,000 plus labor of \$1,500. It was noted that the Hancock County 9-1-1 Center had notified them that the deadline for the narrow banding is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Summers made a motion to approve Robb Bell, Bryan Finch and Water Sellens to attend the annual ILEAS Conference on March 4-6<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, Illinois. The cost of the conference is \$175 each plus meals. Richardson 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.

Johnson reported they were going to advertise for snow removal for the front of City Hall, Police Department and the Senior's handicap parking.

Replinger had nothing new to report for the Permits Committee.

Mayor Woodruff reminded everyone that both meetings in January would be held on Tuesdays.

Mayor Woodruff wished everyone a safe and blessed Christmas.

City Attorney, Stan Tucker reported that a variance hearing for a tower on 14<sup>th</sup> Street for Midwest Broadband will be scheduled to be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> before the City Council meeting.

Bierbaum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Boone 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.

Mayor

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk