

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
March 21, 2011

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

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

Bierbaum moved to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting. Summers 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.

Mayor Woodruff read a letter from Senator John Sullivan regarding a proposal in the General Assembly that would allow the state to borrow through bonds and use the revenue to pay past due bills. He is asking for support for this proposal.

Woodruff noted that he is auctioning a chance to cut his hair at the Kiwanis auction.

Richardson reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting on March 14th. He noted that the committee discussed appropriating the same amount of \$8,000 for the ambulance and leaving full-time employee benefits the same.

Richardson reported the committee discussed changing the Liquor Commissioners salary and rescinding the 2008 Ordinance increasing the City Council members pay per meetings but per the State Statues you can not raise or diminishing amounts unless done 180 days prior to being in office. This will make Council Meetings changing from \$80.00 per meeting to \$90.00 and from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for Committee Meetings.

Richardson reported the Committee discussed raising the Janitor wage from \$11.50 to 12.00, ESDA Coordinator back to what it use to be at \$1,000. The committee is still discussing Dog Catcher, Meter Reader and the Part-Time Police Officer wages.

Richardson reported the Committee had discussed with the departments their needs for vehicles. The Street Department is looking at using money from the Perm Street Fund and the Water Department is talking about using the Sewer Jet Fund. Both of these have been cleared with Stan as being legal. The Street Department does not want to use the entire Perm Street Fund so will need to finance a portion of their vehicle. The Police Department is exploring options on the type of vehicle they will be looking at.

Fire Chief Steve Helenthal spoke a little about the 1993 Pierce Fire Truck they are asking to make a down payment on. They would be trading some of their older vehicles in as part of the purchase price. He stated that they would need to finance \$25,000.

Richardson reported that the City Attorney has prepared a Resolution Restricting Eligibility for TIF Funds to be approved at the next Council Meeting. He noted that the Mayor had bought property within the TIF District and had asked for this Resolution.

Richardson reported that our census numbers have dropped us below 3,000. City Attorney, Stan Tucker reported that according to State Statutes since our population is less than 3,000 we will have to redistrict the city into three wards instead of the current four wards. He noted that this will need to take place thirty days prior to the first date of filing petitions for the next city officer's election. This will be two years from now.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Department held a meeting on March 9th. He noted the committee reviewed the bids for the Energy Efficiency Project. He stated that Laverdiere Construction was the low bid of \$89,767.00. He stated that the committee discussed their options to lower the price of the project.

Schlatter reported that the committee discussed the 2" Water Main replacement between 16th and 19th street, Oak to Laurel.

Schlatter noted that the committee is going to discuss replacing the part time meter reader at the next Water and Sewer Committee meeting.

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

2. Award bid Energy Efficiency Project – Laverdiere Const, Inc. - \$89,767.00
3. McClure Eng Assoc Inv #10625 - \$900.00 – OAK-LAUREL WM OPINION

Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, and Schlatter voting aye. Motion carried by omnibus vote with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Schlatter reported that the Water and Sewer Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Bierbaum reported that the Street Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Summers reported that the Health and Safety Committee held a meeting on March 16th. She noted the committee discussed a new policy regarding beards, tattoos, piercings, body art, branding and implants.

Summers reported a new law passed effective January 1, 2011 that adds a \$75 fee to anybody picked up on a warrant for Failure to Appear.

Summers noted that the Police Department will continue to address old cars. She reminded everyone that vehicles need to be properly licensed and able to be moved every 7 days.

Summers made a motion to authorize the Fire Department to make a down payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Command Fire Apparatus in Lancaster, PA for their Fire Truck. Bierbaum seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Schlatter, and Bierbaum voting aye. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Johnson had nothing to report for Building and Grounds.

Replinger submitted the following building/demolition permits: 85' x 30' Concrete Drive to A+ Home Improvement for John Phillips at 320 Plaza, 14' x 8' x 12' Storage Shed to Joe Mason at 60 South 12th Street, Demolition of 24' x 9' x 12' Porch to Bob Miller at 650 Cooper Street, and Demolition of 45' x 30' x 30' House to Bryan Finch at 1811 High Street. Replinger moved to approve the permits. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Schlatter, Bierbaum, and Summers voting aye. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Charlie Burnett asked to speak regarding the building permit for a garage he has applied for. He stated that Tim Hempen reported to him that it was not going to be approved at this time due to an issue of the sewer easement. He had paperwork showing that the garage should not be a problem with the easement. Tim Schilson agreed someone from the Water and Sewer Department along with Tim Hempen would meet him tomorrow at 5:00 to discuss it.

Bierbaum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Richardson seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers and Boone voting aye. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk