

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
March 18, 2013

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”.

Boone moved to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting. Summers 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 Jim Reneau. Jim reported to the Council that he had discussed with Jean Massey and some of the Council Members tonight about the Road Bridge Accounts and money that is levied by the Township. Stan Tucker will look into how this is being handled.

Reneau also asked the Council how they have decided to proceed regarding the permit that was issued by the City to Ryan Barnett at WindRiver for a garage. He reported that the garage is sitting in the setback and if he oil and chips he is afraid he will spray the garage and the Township will be held liable. Tucker reported that he had not been instructed by the council to do anything further at this time. It was noted that they would discuss it further at the next Building & Grounds/Permits meeting.

Mayor Woodruff read a letter from Mediacom stating that C-SPAN will be moved from channel 16 to channel 19 on or about March 28th.

Mayor Woodruff announced that the Political Forum being planned by the Hamilton Community Development Coalition is set for Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm. He also announced that the Hancock County Economic Development Summit is also being held the same night beginning at 6:30pm. He noted that he would be attending the Summit and would not be able to be at the Forum. He encouraged the City Council Members to attend one of the events.

Mayor Woodruff reported that the Easter Egg Hunt being coordinated by HCDC would be held on Saturday, March 30th in the City Park beginning at 1:00pm. He noted that they will be filling 6,100 eggs.

Eddings reported the Finance Committee held a meeting on March 12th and 14th. He noted that the committee had met with the Department Heads and reviewed their budgets for next fiscal year's appropriations.

Eddings reported that the committee asked Jean Massey to prepare a memo to be given to all full-time employees asking that no personal trash be dumped in the City trash receptacles or dumpsters.

Eddings reported that the committee agreed to purchase a new Sharp Carousel microwave for the back room in City Hall.

Eddings reported the committee discussed having a city wide clean-up. Will look into and report back at a later time.

Eddings reported that the committee discussed calling Paul Richardson, the EMS Coordinator for Hancock County to get an idea of numbers to put into the budget for an ambulance.

Eddings reported that the committee discussed having Larry Schrader build a bench for uptown where the Broadway fire had been. Mayor Woodruff noted that Larry won't be able to do it and we will check with Hank Summers.

Eddings reported the City has received \$11,700.11 in State Sales Tax.

Eddings reported that the Finance Committee will hold a meeting on April 23rd after hearing the options for the Employee health insurance plans.

Eddings made a motion to approve a donation of \$500.00 to HCDC for the Easter Egg Hunt. Summers seconded the motion. It was noted that this would come out of the Tourism Account. It was noted that this seemed to be a lot more than in previous years. The question was asked if we give a donation to them this opens the City up to having to give to other organizations. It was stated that HCDC is part of the City and does these things for the community. It was also noted that the Coalition is all volunteers and have worked to make the City beautiful for example the Junction and the signs for the City. Roll call was called with Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, and Eddings voting aye. Johnson abstained. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings asked City Attorney, Stan Tucker to read Ordinance #14 Prohibiting Nepotism in Employment. Summers made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Replinger, Johnson, Eddings, and Schlatter voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to authorize the City Treasurer to open a new checking account for TIF Funds. Richardson 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 will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30pm.

Schlatter made a motion to approve Water and Sewer Agenda Items 1-3:

1. Authorize Mayor sign McClure Contract Agreement STP Facility Plan
2. Approve McClure Invoice #9184(4) STP Bar Screen Design-\$2,944.00
3. Authorize Mayor sign IEPA Pre-Application Loan Assistance Wastewater Facilities

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

Bierbaum reported that the Street Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00pm.

Tucker reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation has send a revised Traffic Signal Master Agreement for our approval. He noted that they have added Part 2 C which he believes satisfies our objections to the original agreement. Bierbaum made a motion to approve the Traffic Signal Master Agreement. Schlatter 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 reported that the possible Hillcrest storm sewer repair will be discussed further at the next Street Committee meeting.

Summers made a motion to authorize the payoff of the Firetruck loan in the amount of \$15,350.65 plus interest. Eddings 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 reported that the Building & Grounds/Permits Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm.

Repplinger reported there were no building or demolition permits to submit for approval.

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 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Summers 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.

Repplinger made a motion to return to open session. Boone seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Eddings, Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson and Johnson voting aye. Repplinger abstained. Motion carried with 7 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor Woodruff reported there was not action needed from the Executive Session.

Summers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Bierbaum seconded the motion. Roll call was called with Schlatter, Bierbaum, Summers, Boone, Richardson, Repplinger, Johnson and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 8 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk