

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
June 17, 2013

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

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

Mayor Lowman asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting. Bierbaum made a motion to approve the Minutes. Johnson seconded the motion. With no discussion, roll was called with Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter and Summers voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Mayor Lowman read a letter from Mediacom stating effective July 14th 28 Hispanic/Latino channels will be offered for \$7.95/month. He also noted other channels will be added for not additional costs.

Mayor Lowman reported that Hancock County has been approved for money from FEMA for the straight line winds and flooding damage. He noted that Jean Massey will be going to Macomb on May 24th at 1:30pm.

Mayor Lowman reported that he had received notification that the legislation has passed a bill to stop the state from dipping into the local share of state income distributions for additional funds to pay the state's bills. He noted that he had sent letters to Senator John Sullivan and Representative Jill Tracy thanking them for their support.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS

Eddings reported the Finance Committee held a meeting on June 14th. He noted that the Committee decided to go with the \$500 deductible instead of a \$0 deductible insurance plan.

Eddings reported the auditors will be in our office July 8th – 10th.

Eddings reported the Mayor discussed with the committee the proposed water main improvements. He felt there wasn't enough appropriated in the extensions appropriation line to cover the cost of the proposed water main improvements along with all the expenses that had occurred. He noted that he may be asking the department to only do half the project this fiscal year and the rest next fiscal year.

Eddings reported the Finance Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00pm.

Eddings reported we had received \$13,031.32 in State Sales Tax and \$27,259.05 in State Income Tax. He noted that the State still owe the City for months May and June in the amount of \$67,456.47.

Eddings made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance #1 Appropriation. Summers seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was called with Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter, Summers, and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to approve Finance Agenda Items 3-4:

3. Approve Full-Time Employees Health Ins through Blue Cross/Blue Shield
4. Approve Benefits for Full-time Employees

Summers seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Johnson, Boone, Schlatter, Summers, Eddings, and Bierbaum voting aye. Motion carried by omnibus vote with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDINGS

Bierbaum reported that the Public Works & Building Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, June 24th at 6:00pm.

Bierbaum made a motion to table agenda item 1 Authorize advertising for a third full-time employee in the Street Department. Schlatter seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Boone, Schlatter, Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, and Johnson voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Schlatter made a motion to approve Public Works & Buildings Agenda Items 2-5:

2. Approve McClure Eng Assoc Invoice #11315 - \$9,700.00
3. Authorize Mayor & Clerk Sign CDAP Project Authorization Pay (city funds) \$9,700.00
4. Approve Pay Estimate 2 & Final Hoerr Construction - \$42,163.02
5. Authorize Mayor & Clerk Sign CDAP Project Authorization Pay (city Funds) \$42,163.02

Bierbaum seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Schlatter, Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, and Boone voting aye. Motion carried by omnibus vote with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Summers reported that the Health & Safety Committee will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, June 26th at 5:30pm.

Summers made a motion to authorize the payoff of the Police truck loan after payment has been received for selling the 2005 marked car. Eddings seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, and Schlatter voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Summers submitted the following building permits: 40' x 60' New Home and 44' 34' Garage to Jeremiah Hammel at 1501 North County Road 900, 15' x 4' Deck to Flossie Massey at 1771 Church Street, 13 ½' x 12' x 4' Sunroom to Sunroom Designers for Bob Buenzow at 221 Jamar Court, 20' x 15' x 10' Garage add on to John Alexander at 1720 Oak Street, and Demolition of 22' x 18' x 16' Building to Chad Gilpin at 1480 Keokuk Street. Summers made a motion to approve the permits as submitted. Bierbaum seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter and Summers voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Summers reported that the Zoning Commission voted to deny Iceberg Development request for a zoning change on North 19th Street. Summers made a motion to approve the Zoning Commission's recommendation of denying the change by approving Ordinance #3 Denying Zoning Change With Respect to Property on N. 19th Street in Hamilton, Illinois. Bierbaum seconded the motion. Mayor Lowman asked for further discussion. Attorney Steve Morris asked the Council if the City of Hamilton was open to discuss additional locations or if they were opposed to having the development anywhere in Hamilton. Mr. Seyb spoke as the grandson of the owner of the property for sale. He asked the Council to please ask the questions and make an informed decision. Matt Pflug spoke as manager of property in Keokuk. He reported that there is a difference between low rent housing and affordable housing. The rent is a fixed amount. He noted that they do take section 8 but that is not a bad thing. People living at these properties are good people, they run criminal and credit checks and this helps weed out the bad people. Mayor Lowman and Council Members noted that they didn't feel the Zoning Commission along with themselves had not been given enough information to make a decision either way. After further discussion, it was requested the development submit additional information regarding water control and traffic. The Mayor and Council was also asked if they would like to tour the sister apartments that are located in Keokuk and they agreed that they would.

Schlatter made a motion to table Health & Safety Agenda Items 1-2 until additional information could be obtained:

1. Approve Zoning Commission Recommendation to Deny Iceberg Development Zoning
2. Approve Ordinance #3 Zoning Of Property on North 19th Street

Johnson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll call was called with Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter, Summers, and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

There being no further business to discuss Lowman entertained a motion for adjournment. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Boone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk