

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
July 1, 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 17, 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 welcomed visitors and asked if there was anyone who would like the opportunity to speak. It was asked how long the decision on Iceberg Development's Zoning Request would be tabled. Mayor Lowman reported that the City Council Members and himself requested additional information from the developer and or their engineers regarding the issues they felt weren't addressed. Such as how they were planning to handle the surface water, traffic, or sewer system or other locations they may be interested in. It was also requested that the Council may want to tour the sister property in Keokuk. He noted that a tabled agenda item stays tabled until the member who tabled it brings it back to the table. He reported that until the developer and/or their engineers get back to us it will not move any further.

Dave Hunter, owner of the Mobile Home Park, asked the Council to look into the City opening up the street on 20th. He noted that he had requested this in 2004 and still nothing has been done. Mayor Lowman asked to refer this issue to the Public Works & Buildings Committee to look at further.

Mayor Lowman reported that the bids for the Electric Aggregate for the City will be in Tuesday afternoon. He noted that per the Ordinance that was passed the Mayor has the authority to accept or reject the bid. According to the contract he has six hours to respond. Mayor Lowman noted that Ameren's rate has gone down and is approximately 4.9, he felt that if we didn't at least receive a bid of 4.7 it really wasn't going to save all that much. Mayor Lowman reported that Quincy's bid came in at 4.194 and if our bid comes in at a rate that is much higher than that he would contact the council members individually or they can call him to find out how they feel about it. He noted that if it comes in at a super deal he will go ahead and approve and sign the contract. Council members were in agreement with this.

Mayor Lowman reported that effective July 1st the City Employees are covered by the new Health Insurance Policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield. He noted that this was a net savings to the City in the approximate amount of \$65,000 plus a savings to employees with spouse and family coverage.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS

Eddings reported the Finance Committee held a meeting on June 26th. He noted that the Committee discussed the possibilities of hiring a full-time or part-time person for the street department or someone to work for both the street and water/sewer departments.

Eddings reported the committee reviewed the finances of the water/sewer department and felt there isn't enough money to proceed with the next water project. They recommend doing part of the project this fiscal year and more the next fiscal year.

Eddings reported the committee asked Jean to leave more money in the General Fund checking account to cover monthly expenses to keep from having to transfer every month.

Eddings reported that the vacant lots on Broadway in the 900 block are not being cared for and are creating water issues for Woodie's Clipper Shop. Although the city does not own this property the Mayor has asked the water department to mow the property for now.

Eddings made a motion to approve the Selected Check Registers. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDINGS

Bierbaum reported that the Public Works & Building Committee held a meeting on June 24th. He noted that two members of the library board reported two places in the sidewalk that needed repaired. The board will have them repaired and send the bill to the city.

Bierbaum reported there had been requests for culvert work on private properties which the committee did not approve.

Bierbaum reported that the culvert on 18th Street is to be repaired by Justin Hoppe for \$4,200.00 plus the cost of the pipe and fill to cover.

Bierbaum reported that the road to Betty Settles' property (south side of Windy Hills) previously being maintained by Montebello Township will now be maintained by the City.

Schlatter gave an update on the Water Department activities. He noted that the fire hydrants had been repainted, replaced a deck on the loader trailer for \$250.00 and will need to haul sludge from the pits. He reported that the radio read meter change out is in progress and the department will continue monitoring the rising river. He noted that at 18-20 feet they need to switch intakes.

Schlatter reported that Sunday, June 16th there was a water main break on Highway 136. Meyers from Keokuk was called for the repairs due to it being too deep for our equipment.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Summers reported that the Health & Safety Committee held a meeting on June 26th.

Summers submitted the following building permits: 164' Fence to Todd Stuecker at 206 Hickory Court and 22' x 14' Deck to Valerie Wildrick at 150 North 9th. Summers made a motion to approve the permits as submitted. Eddings 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.

Summers reported that we had sold the 2005 police car for \$10,000 to the County for a First Responder car and it is now out of service and in the process of removing stickers. Summers made a motion to approve purchasing a 2014 Ford SUV from Carson Motors for the amount of \$25,196.70. Eddings seconded the motion. Mayor Lowman noted that this vehicle will be set up with drug enforcement equipment and will also be set up with electrical power to be used in emergency situations. Chief Bell said all the equipment will be paid from the DUI Equipment Fund and part of the vehicle out of the Court Supervision Fine and Vehicle Fund money that we receive from the Court. He noted that amounts to approximately \$6,000 toward the car. With no further discussion, roll was called with Boone, Schlatter, Summers, Eddings, and Bierbaum voting aye. Johnson abstained. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Bierbaum seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Schlatter, Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, and Boone voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to return to open session. Bierbaum seconded the motion. Roll was called with Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, and Schlatter 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 8:10pm. Boone seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk