

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
October 7, 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 September 16 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 announced that the Hamilton Merchant's Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31st beginning at 3:00 until 5:00pm. Beggar's Night will be from 5:00 until 8:00pm.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS

Eddings reported the Finance Committee held a meeting on September 24th. He noted that the committee reviewed changes to the health care plans for employees due to the Affordable Care Act. The committee decided to recommend adjusting the plan effective date to end on November 30, 2014 instead of June 30, 2014. This will be a savings of \$206.53 per month to the city.

Eddings reported the committee agreed to pay for the porta-potties needed for the Geode Fest September 27-29th.

Eddings reported that the committee decided to write to Roquette America to again ask for a donation toward candy for the Merchant's Trick or Treat.

Eddings noted that Debbie Summers asked the committee for input on possibly relocating the covered bridge the HCDC has been working on to the City Park (Gordon's Grove).

Eddings reported that we had received \$26,198.96 in State Income Tax, \$4,821.13 Use Tax, \$2,500.00 Miscellaneous Income, and \$1,218.18 in Circuit Clerk's Fines.

Eddings reported the State of Illinois owes the City of Hamilton \$32,157.30 for the months of August and September.

Eddings made a motion to approve the Selected Check Registers. Boone seconded the motion. With no discussion, roll 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 extending the Health Plan Renewal Date through November 30, 2014. Johnson seconded the motion. With no discussion, roll was called with Johnson, Schlatter, Boone, Summers, Eddings, and Bierbaum voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDINGS

Bierbaum reported the Public Works & Building's Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00pm. They will begin with the Street Department with Water & Sewer to follow.

Bierbaum reported that the Public Works & Building Committee held a meeting on September 18th. He noted that the Street Department had sold the 2001 Truck for \$2,500.00.

Schlatter reported that Nathan Cobb from WIRC advised the committee that construction grants must be applied for before February 2014. He noted that the grants can cover water main and service to homes for low to moderate income customers.

Schlatter reported that Eric Moe discussed various projects and the facility study with the committee.

Schlatter reported that Terry Knoke – PSBA, Kevin Kadle – Door Creek Construction, and Steve Morris, Attorney were present to discuss the Iceberg Development project. Will schedule a town meeting for them to answer more questions and give more information to the public.

Schlatter made a motion to schedule a Public Meeting for the Iceberg Development project. The meeting will be tentatively set for Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm. We will hold the meeting at the Community Center to allow enough room for the public to attend. Eddings 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. Steve Schlatter will get a hold of Steve Morris, Attorney for Iceberg and check if the date will work with them. The date of the meeting will be advertised in the Journal Pilot.

Johnson reported that the street barn is complete and doors are in.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Summers reported the Health and Safety Committee held a meeting on September 24th. She noted that Chief Helenthal requested to purchase equipment for the jaws of life.

Summers reported that Chief Bell had attended a class on the new Concealed Carry and Medical Marijuana Laws on October 1st in Springfield.

Summers submitted the following building permits: 14'L x 12'W x 6'H Storage Shed to Matt Leroy at 240 Jamar Court, 20'L x 12'W x 8' Carport to Martin Brown at 840 Main Street, 28'L x 24'W x 9'H Garage and 12'L x 18'W Deck to Ron Sadler at 1480 Walnut, and 75' Plastic Coated Chain Fence to Val and Richard Wildrick at 1024 Broadway. Summers made a motion to approve the permits as submitted. Schlatter 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.

Summers made a motion to approve the Fire Department purchasing Jaws of Life equipment. Eddings 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.

Summers made a motion for the Second and Third Readings for the Animal Ordinance #7. Schlatter seconded the motion. Bierbaum asked questions regarding the following sections:

- 9-10 Keeping of dogs and cats - Only 4 combination of dogs and cats allowed. If a resident has more than 4 animals they will fill out a Grandfather Clause Registration Form and the Dog Catcher, Mike Wright and Chief Bell will look into on a case by case basis. Cats will also be required to have City tags.
- 9-12 Dogs or cats in heat – Residents will be fined \$15-\$20. Chief Bell noted that this was mainly designed that if a dog gets out and breeds with neighbor's dog there will be some legal recourse.
- 9-15 Dangerous dog – Do we have any? Chief Bell noted we have two that we know of. An owner of a dangerous dog must be insured and is determined by dog not by breed.
- 9-23 Fowl - \$10.00 per chicken per life of the chicken with a limit of 10 mature chickens (hens only). Will there be bands for the chickens?
- 9-31 Dogs and other animals prohibited in public areas on certain days – Chief Bell will post signs regarding dogs not allowed during the events.

It was noted that this may be an Ordinance that we have to make changes to and amend as time goes on and we find something that isn't working. With no further questions or discussion, roll was called with, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter and Summers voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes. This Ordinance will be posted in the Journal Pilot and will go into effect 10 days after it is published.

Summers thanked the volunteers that came through town this weekend and mowed the Broadway property and worked around the City signs. Also thanks goes out to Rick Sargent for donating the mulch to put around the signs.

There being no further business to discuss Lowman entertained a motion for adjournment. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Bierbaum seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk