

Hamilton City Council
1010 Broadway St.
November 18, 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 November 4, 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.

Schlatter made a motion to untable the Ordinance Amending the Zoning on Property on North 19th Street. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone, Schlatter, Summers and Eddings voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

The zoning issue was open for discussion. Council Members noted that they felt there was a need for nice apartments for people to rent in town. There are more and more people getting to an age or place in life where their not able to maintain a house any longer. Members noted that several things were misstated and incorrect in the beginning when this was first brought to the Council. It is not low income or subsidized by the government in anyway. The developer is an individual who has 58 other properties that he has maintained over 20 years and has never sold one. Traffic has been addressed regarding school traffic on 19th street by changing the entrance to 20th street. A resident was present to ask the Council to look at this as an opportunity for the future of the City. He noted that there was sure to be issues that come up along the process for the Council to address but you are going to have this with any growth. Residents also present voiced their concerns regarding issues with the street such as sidewalks and lighting. It was explained that the City puts aside money every year for a sidewalk program and when it comes time the City may need to put a sidewalk in this area. As far as street work, the Mayor restated that the developer is aware that the City does not have the funds available to open up the street or to put towards this project and that this would be on them. It was also requested if they would be willing to put up a privacy fence. These items along with many others will all need to be addressed when a building permit is filed for approval. Mayor Lowman reported that he had spoke with County Clerk, Kerry Asbridge and based on a \$3-\$4 million dollar building the property tax revenue to the Park Board would be \$7-\$10,000 annually, to the City \$11-\$16,000 annually and to the School \$38-\$50,000 annually. Also to the City would be approximately \$20-\$22,000 in water and sewer revenue. This would also depend on if these were new residents to the city or just current ones moving within the city. It was asked if this would bring additional costs to the city such as the police department. Mayor Lowman noted that the City of Hamilton's population use to be \$3,800 and now we are down to just over 2,900. This addition is not going to raise us to a population we aren't accustomed to handling. As far as the school district, increasing revenues for the school could help pay for a new teacher if population changed that much. As well as state aid is based on student enrollment if this caused an increase in students. Mayor Lowman noted that he felt this property would offer good housing with fair rent to people who can't afford to own at this time.

Mayor Lowman asked that the Ordinance state that in the event that the Iceberg project is not completed substantially within one year that the property would revert back to R-1. Attorney, Stan Tucker stated that this could be added.

Bierbaum made a motion to approve Ordinance #8 Regarding the Amendment of Zoning Ordinance for property on North 19th Street to R-3 with the stipulation added. Johnson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, roll was called with Johnson, Boone, Schlatter, Eddings and Bierbaum voting aye. Summers voted nay. Motion carried with 5 aye votes and 1 nay votes.

FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS

Eddings reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting on November 12th.

Eddings reviewed the Finance meeting minutes noting a few items:

- The committee reviewed options for the tort liability insurance premium and decided to pay by November 25th for the 1.5% discount at a total of \$95,153.95.
- Boiler insurance policy for the library and sewer plant is due \$2,704.95
- Jean and Trish will attend HR seminar in Quincy or Burlington
- Merchant's Christmas Open House is Thursday, December 12th 5-8pm
- HCDC Vendor Blender is Saturday, December 7th 10am-2pm at Jr High Gym
- Committee will review further the Nauvoo tourism director's requested support for National Geographic's proposal for a Geotourism Website, MapGuide and Stewardship Council Program

Eddings made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Boone seconded the motion. With no discussion, roll was called with Boone, Schlatter Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum and Johnson voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to approve IMLRMA Tort Liability Insurance in the amount of \$95,153.95 for a year. Bierbaum seconded the motion. With no 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 asked for a motion to approve KSB Boiler Insurance in the amount of \$2,704.95 for the Library and Sewer Plant. Johnson made a motion to approve. Boone seconded the motion. With no discussion, roll was called with Summers, Eddings, Bierbaum, Johnson, Boone and Schlatter voting aye. Motion carried with 6 aye votes and no nay votes.

Eddings made a motion to approve Jean Massey and Trish Maerz to attend HR Law Seminar at \$249.00 plus meals and mileage. The meeting is being held in Quincy and Burlington and they will attend on separate days. Bierbaum 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.

Eddings reported that the City had received \$1,448.06 in Circuit Clerk Fines, \$3,833.66 in Foreign Fire Tax, \$15,657.59 in State Sales Tax and \$19,339.24 in Property Taxes. He noted that the state owes the City of Hamilton for the months of September, October and November for a total of \$61,928.07.

PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDINGS

Bierbaum reported that the Public Works and Buildings Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00pm. The committee will begin discussing the Street Department with Water & Sewer and Building & Grounds to follow.

Bierbaum noted that the Welcome to Hamilton Sign east of town on Highway 136 has blown down. Mayor Lowman reported we would ask Rick Sargent if he would be willing to fix for us.

Johnson made a motion to approve Dean Pfeiferling with A-1 Landscaping to continue his contract with the City of Hamilton for Snow Removal uptown on Broadway and at the Senior Center. His rate is \$27.50 for 1 - 5 inches and \$50.00/hour for 5 inches and up. Bierbaum 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.

Johnson reported the Committee is still looking into the roof at the street barn. Will discuss more at the next meeting.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Summers reported the Health and Safety Committee held a meeting on November 12th.

Summers reviewed the Finance meeting minutes noting a few items:

- Chief Helenthal advised committee they had \$5,000 from their fund raiser to pay towards Jaws of Life. The city's portion will be \$8,565.00
- Chief Helenthal reminds citizens to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Chief Bell requested using \$250.00 from DUI account to purchase 2 DVD recorders for interview room.
- Chief Bell reported he will be starting a program called Tickets for Good Deeds to reward children that are caught doing good in town.
- Chief Bell is also looking at starting a program to educate the community about bullying.

Boone had to leave meeting at 8:00pm.

Summers made a motion to approve the purchase of portable radios for the police department for \$6,000.00. Eddings seconded the motion. Roll was called with Schlatter, Summers, Eddings and Bierbaum voting aye. Johnson abstained. Motion carried with 5 aye votes and no nay votes.

Summers reported there were no new building permits to approve.

Summers reported the HCDC Committee is going to attend the Park Board meeting on November 25th to request the covered bridge be placed in the City Park.

Summers noted that everyone had received a copy of a Golf Cart Ordinance to be discussed at a later meeting.

There being no further business to discuss Lowman entertained a motion for adjournment. Bierbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor

Approved

Attest: _____
City Clerk