

City of Hamilton, IL
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00pm
Hamilton City Hall or Zoom ID 819 07632843

1. **Call to Order** - Roll Call - The Hamilton City Council met in regular session 7:00pm at the Hamilton City Hall on Monday, April 6, 2026. Mayor Casey called the meeting to order. Attending were Mayor Bocephus Casey. Aldermen present were Andrew Asbury, Tommy Buckert, Brandon Wilson, Debbie Summers, Steve Schlatter, Beverly Boone, Clerk Michelle Dorethy. Also present; Thomas Hartzell, City Attorney; Public Works director, Ryan Brotherton; Animal Control Officer, Anne Pierce.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Casey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes from March 16, 2026** - Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2026. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.
4. **Appointment – City Clerk** - Schlatter made a motion to appoint Logan Schrapf as City Clerk. Boone seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried. Oath of office was administered by Clerk Dorethy and read by Schrapf.
5. **Visitors** - Ada Bair from the Memorial Hospital / Montebello Project gave an update. They are working on a redevelopment of the Montebello facility for expanded healthcare services that includes primary care, lab, pediatric, and imaging services. The project includes federal funding support and is anticipated to begin construction this year. No action taken.

Mike & Cheryl Luth - Addressed Council regarding relocation from the community. No action taken.

Kris Morgan - Presented corn-hole boards for city use. No action taken.

Public Comment - Comments were received regarding animal concerns at a residential property. The matter is under review and will be reassessed following the property owner’s relocation. No action taken.
6. **Finance and Appropriations** - Summers read the committee report. Summers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Schlatter seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

The grocery sales tax, Ordinance No. 18, was discussed because it had expired. Schlatter motioned to approve the 1% sales tax. Wilson seconded. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

7. **Health and Safety** - Animal control was discussed. Anne said the animal control facility is currently empty. Report received; including updates on police activity, training, and ongoing investigations. A committee meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2026 at 5:30pm. No action taken. Mayor Casey added that the fire department had 4 calls the previous week including 3 fires.

8. **Buildings and Grounds, Permits and Zoning** - Report received regarding facility updates and maintenance. Parking lot at police station is complete. A meeting was scheduled Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30pm.

Buckert Motioned to approve three permits. Wilson seconded. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried. Motion to approve a fence permit subject to compliance with 6-foot height requirement was made by Buckert. Summer seconded. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

9. **Public Works** - Report received regarding sewer maintenance and ongoing street work. No action taken.

10. **Mayor’s Report** - Updates provided on completion of the police parking lot and progress of bank parking lot project.

11. **Economic Development / Tourism** - Upcoming community events were announced. No action taken.

12. **Adjournment** - Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 7:33pm. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Hamilton City Council on April 20, 2026

_____ Logan Schrapf, City Clerk

Approved:

_____ Bocephus Casey, Mayor