

City of Hamilton, IL
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18th, 2026 at 7:00pm

1. **Roll Call** - Roll Call—Hamilton City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamilton City Hall on Monday May 18th, 2026. Mayor Casey called the meeting to order. Aldermen present were: Andrew Asbury, Tommy Buckert, Brandon Wilson, Debbie Summers, Steve Schlatter, and Bev Boone. Aldermen excused: None. Also present were: Mike Boley, Police Chief; Justin Sewell, Street Manager; Anne Pierce, Animal Control Officer; Attorney Tom Hartzell, City Attorney; and Logan Schrapf, City Clerk.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Casey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes from Monday, May 4th, 2026** - Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2026. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.
4. **Mayor's Comments** - A hearing was held for the dog, Scout in regards to a “dangerous dog” designation. Stacy Lunt was present to defend his dog. The city council heard his arguments. A motion to assign Scout with the “dangerous dog” designation was made by Asbury and seconded by Schlatter. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.
5. **Visitors** - Terry Mapes raised concerns on why police vehicles were parked out on Broadway Street when there was a brand new garage built to house them. Police Chief Boley said that they had been using the garage for on duty officer's personal vehicles because of past incidents of vehicles being keyed. Summers agreed with Mapes that the garage should be for police cruisers only. Buckert said his committee has designated the garage for cruisers only, not or personal vehicles. Boone agreed stating that if there were to be inclement weather that having the cruisers out on the street could slow response time if they were covered in snow. Schlatter agreed and stated the original purpose of building the garage was for the department to store the cruisers. Mayor Casey said he would inform the Police department to use the garage for cruisers only. Various solutions were discussed such as using the city hall garage and parking lot for officer personal vehicles as well as adding more lighting in certain places such as behind city hall to deter any damage to their vehicles.
6. **Finance and Appropriations** - Summers made a motion to approve the *Treasurer's Report*. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

Auditor's Engagement Letter was discussed. Summers made a motion to approve the Letter. Schlatter seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.
7. **Health and Safety** - Asbury gave a committee report.

Ordinance #2 was discussed which pertains to electric bicycles, and other electric mobility devices. Asbury made a motion to approve the ordinance. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

- Hartzell suggested a parent and teacher assembly with Hamilton students to discuss safety and ordinance enforcement.

8. **Buildings and Grounds, Permits and Zoning** - There were 3 *permits* discussed; Paul Pierce had a permit for a privacy fence, and Bill Balmer had 2 permits for 2 privacy fences. Buckert made a motion to approve the permits. Boone seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried.

Buckert also discussed having a review of the permit process to make it more efficient.

9. **Public Works** - Sewell said that an acid pump had quit and they had to order and install a new pump. The project has been completed.

Sewell spoke on (GLO) The Get the Lead Out initiative. The water department is trying to determine how many houses still have lead lines from their house to the street. They have approximately 300 unknown houses.

64 blocks have been approved for chip and seal surfacing.

10. **Economic Development / Tourism** - Wilson discussed several upcoming events in Hamilton including Summer-fest, 2 disc golf tournaments, and the Summer reading program.

11. **Adjournment** - Buckert made a motion to adjourn. Wilson seconded the motion. 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 June 1st, 2026

Logan Schrapf, City Clerk

Approved:

Bocephus Casey, Mayor