

City of Hamilton, IL
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1st, 2026 at 7:00pm

1. **Call to Order** - *Roll Call* - Hamilton City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamilton City Hall on Monday June 1, 2026. Mayor Casey called the meeting to order. Aldermen present were: Andrew Asbury, Tommy Buckert, Brandon Wilson, Debbie Summers, and Bev Boone. Aldermen excused: Steve Schlatter. Also present were: Ryan Brotherton, Mike Boley, Police Chief; Officer Skelly; Don Sewell, Building Inspector; Ryan Brotherton, Public Works Director; Attorney Tom Hartzell, City Attorney; and Logan Schrapf, City Clerk.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Casey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from May 18th, 2026 - Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2026. Summers seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.
4. **Mayor's Comments** - The Hamilton Pool is now open for the season.
5. **Visitors** - August Gregory raised concerns about an abandoned property at 1970 Laurel St. Mayor Casey explained a tax buyer bought the property, tried to sell it, then renounced ownership of the property. Gregory said his neighbors would volunteer to help demolish and remove it. The bank taxes are worth more than the property. Gregory also asked if the city could do something about a man hole cover with loose rock at 151 N 20th St. that has a large dip in the road.

Another visitor brought up squad cars being parked on the street outside of the station. Mayor Casey directed her to the previous meetings minutes to explain to her steps were underway to remedy the problem.
6. **Finance and Appropriations** - *Selected Check Registers* were discussed. Summers made a motion to approve the Selected Check Registers. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.

First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance. Summers read the Ordinance. Summers made a motions to approve the Ordinance. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.
7. **Health and Safety** - Asbury gave a committee report. There were no animals currently in the shelter. Police Chief Mike Boley discussed the E-bike Ordinance stating that it will probably be state law Jan 1. He said safety is the main concern for the department with electric mobility devices. Also discussed was policy of only allowing service animals inside public facilities and no personal animals.
8. **Buildings and Grounds, Permits and Zoning** - Buckert said there was a new flag pole at the library. He also said Deborah Whitaker approached him to ask about putting a recycling container at the community center. The council recommended placing it at another Whitaker property and discussing it further later. The storage containers at the old Duck's lot were discussed. The Building and Grounds committee were going to discuss it further at a committee meeting.

Three permits were discussed. Robert Benton had a permit for a chain link fence and Julie Buenzo had a permit for a new garage. Buckert made a motion to approve the permit. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.

The third permit discussed was for Bev and Dan Boone. The council decided to approve the permit contingent to Building Inspector Sewell reexamining the property to make a decision about an existing structure. Buckert made a motion to approve the permit. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, and Summers, voting “aye.” Boone abstained. Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.

Buckert spoke about the new police building. He told the council he has decided to resign as chairman of the building committee.

9. **Public Works** - Brotherton said city employees had undergone larvacide training. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Brotherton said they had chosen an application to hire for summertime help; Logan Baker. Brotherton stated he had worked with them last Summer. Wilson made a motion to approve the summertime help application. Asbury seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried.

10. **Economic Development / Tourism** - Wilson set a committee meeting for Thursday June 18th at 5:30 p.m. Wilson also said city wide yard sales were coming up and Flags Over the Mississippi was set for June 14th.

11. **Adjournment** - Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Boone seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, and Boone voting “aye.” Schlatter was absent. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Hamilton City Council on June 15th, 2026

Logan Schrapf, City Clerk

Approved:

Bocephus Casey, Mayor