City of Hamilton, IL
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:02pm

1. **Call to Order** - *Roll Call* - Hamilton City Council met in regular session at 7:02 p.m. at the Hamilton City Hall on Monday July 20, 2026. Mayor Casey called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Andrew Asbury, Tommy Buckert, Brandon Wilson, Debbie Summers, Steve Schlatter and Bev Boone. Aldermen excused: none. Also present: Tom Hartzell, City Attorney; Ryan Brotherton, Public Works Director; and Logan Schrapf, City Clerk.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Casey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Minutes from Monday, July 6, 2026** - Wilson made a motion to approve the *Minutes from July 6, 2026*. Asbury seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers and Schlatter voting "aye." Boone was abstained. The motion carried.

4. **Mayor's Comments** - The Labor Day Car Show is coming up and Mayor Casey brought up that every year the city purchases trophies for the Mayor and Police Chief's Choice Awards. There were no objections.

5. **Visitors** - There were no visitors.

6. **Finance and Appropriations** - *Treasurer's Report* – Summers made a motion to approve the report. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye." The motion carried.

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting to discuss the *Third and Final Reading of the Appropriations Ordinance (2).* Summers made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Schlatter seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye." The motion carried.

A Finance Meeting was scheduled for July 27 at 5:00pm.

7. **Health and Safety** - Asbury gave updates. 1 kitten is currently in the shelter. It is recovering well and scheduled to go to the vet then rehomed. Animal Control Officer Pierce has submitted a "wishlist" for gear because she was not properly equipped (See July 6 minutes). She asked for a new catchpole to replace the broken one, a muzzle, a taser/stun gun plus certification to use the device, a bite suit, and better bite gloves.

Asbury said 2 dogs have been running free frequently with several complaints. They have not been able to be caught but the owner had been fined once before for their dogs. Boone noted that she had witnessed kids popping wheelies on E-bikes. Mayor Casey said he noticed the same. Schlatter said he has noticed several cyclists not abiding to stop signs. The council said they will take measure's if necessary.

8. **Buildings and Grounds, Permits and Zoning** - 1 *Permit* for a chain link fence (permit no. 2194) was discussed. Schlatter made a motion to approve the permit. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye." The motion carried.

Schlatter replaced filters and batteries in thermostats at the Community Center.

9. **Public Works** - Schlatter gave the Committee Report from July 15. The Water Plant heating and cooling unit quit working completely. A new unit from Peters was priced at $14,685. New wall units for each room were priced at $3,352. They decided to go with wall units. GLO initiative has identified 142 services and will continue to update their list. The Public Works Director's Laptop was damaged by a water leak and a new one was purchased.

Schlatter made a motion to approve a *Change in The Monthly Transfer to the Water Depreciation Fund from $18,385 to $15,885*, with the $2,500 difference going to Public Works checking. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye." The motion carried.

Schlatter made a motion to approve the *Purchase of a New Valve and Actuator from the Water Plant for $14,300*. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye." The motion carried.

10. **Economic Development / Tourism** - Wilson said that Round 2 of Summerfest went well and thanked the Fire Department for lending the big fans to keep concert goers cool. The council discussed purchasing more for future events. A check was received from Marine Bank for $30 towards Summerfest. July 27 is the Splash Bash. August 6-8 is City Wide Yard Sales. August 7-9 is Western Illinois Threshers. Summerfest Round 3 is August 15 from 4-9pm with Staggard headlining and Wyatt Ewing opening. Wilson thanked Colin Ross and Gavin Grothaus for volunteering at Summerfest.

An Economic Development and Tourism meeting is scheduled for July 29 at 6:00pm.

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 at 7:40pm.

Approved by the Hamilton City Council on August 3, 2026

_____ Logan Schrapf, City Clerk

Approved:

_____ Bocephus Casey, Mayor

City of Hamilton, IL
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:45pm

A special meeting of the Hamilton City Council in regards to a Public Hearing for the *Third and Final Reading of the Appropriations Ordinance (2)* was called to order at 6:45pm by Mayor Casey. Aldermen present: Andrew Asbury, Tommy Buckert, Brandon Wilson, Debbie Summers, Steve Schlatter and Bev Boone. Aldermen excused: none.

There were no public visitors that wanted to view, read, or dispute the Ordinance.

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 at 7:00pm.