City of Hamilton, IL
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday October 19, 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 October 19, 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: Ryan Brotherton, Public Works Director; Tom Hartzell, City Attorney; Officer Landrum; and Logan Schrapf, City Clerk. Absent: None

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

3. **Minutes from Tuesday, October 5, 2026** - Wilson made a motion to approve the *Minutes from October 5, 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** - Casey reported on Video Game Revenue. In September, the revenue was $12,071

5. **Visitors** - Nikki McMillen Lee was visiting on behalf of her TIF Agreement which was discussed during the Finance section.

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

Summers made a motion to approve the 2027 IML Risk Management Association Annual Premium Payment of $110,093.48 due by 11/13/2026. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye". The motion carried.

Ordinance 13, Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Hamilton, Dam City Development LLC, and Paul Figge in the Rt. 136 TIF District was discussed. Summers made a motion to approve Ordinance 13 with reimbursement of 75% of eligible costs. Schlatter seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye". The motion carried.

Ordinance 14, Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Community Consolidated School District #328 in the Downtown TIF District was discussed. Summers made a motion to approve Ordinance 14 with reimbursement of 75% of eligible costs. Buckert seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye". The motion carried.

Ordinance 15, Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Hamilton, Famalee Properties, and Nikki McMillen Lee in the Rt. 136 TIF District was discussed. Summers made a motion to approve Ordinance 15 with reimbursement of 75% of eligible costs. Asbury seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting "aye". The motion carried.

7. **Health and Safety** - Asbury read the Committee Report from October 7. The Committee discussed a property citation involving a prospective purchaser who was working with the current property owner. Mayor Casey reported that substantial cleanup had occurred, including removal of wood and a couch. He had contacted City Attorney Tom Hartzell and indicated his willingness to dismiss the citation because of the progress and the ownership circumstances. Some tools and other items remained covered by a tarp near the garage.

The Fire Department reported that the generator issue on Truck 99 had been repaired. The department's air-bottle

filling equipment requires annual testing and certification. Existing air packs are becoming increasingly difficult to maintain because replacement components are no longer being manufactured. Fundraising proceeds may help purchase replacement air packs. Bunker gear is approaching its replacement date, with purchases expected to be divided between fiscal years.

Animal Control – The committee reported that a resident experiencing a temporary housing emergency had been assisted with short-term care for animals. The animals were housed temporarily at the City Shelter and returned to the owner after he obtained housing. The owner provided food, arranged updated rabies vaccinations, and arrangements to pay remaining charges by October 30. The Committee also reported that one long-term shelter cat had been adopted. An animal-related situation near 14th and Broadway will continue to be monitored.

Police Department - Chief Boley reported on recent Police Department activities, including Coffee with a Cop, Red Ribbon Week activities, vehicle break-in investigations, including evidence obtained from cellular phones, identification of a burglary suspect through DNA evidence, continued review of the City's e-bike ordinance, discussion of police station lobby temperature concerns and storage-container regulations.

The Committee also discussed a complaint involving box trucks parked near the funeral home.

8. **Buildings and Grounds, Permits and Zoning** - 2 permits discussed; 1 for a fence, and 1 was a solar permit. Schlatter made a motion to approve both permits. Asbury seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye”. The motion carried.

9. **Public Works** - The free chlorine ends October 26th. Public Works Director Brotherton will be meeting with Geoffrey from Klinger in regards to MFT program. The city has received all the road salt they ordered. The line feeder at the water plant has been acting up and will be monitored for possible repairs.

10. **Economic Development / Tourism** - Upcoming events include Teen Game Night at Hamilton Public Library from 4-6:00pm on 10/28. Interactive Storytelling at Hamilton Public Library from 3:30-5:00pm on 10/30. Beggars’ Night is 5-7pm on 10/31. Trunk or Treat is at Hamilton City Park beginning at 4:30pm on 11/01. The Annual Fire Department Breakfast is 7am-Noon on 11/01.

Creating a plaque or display with photographs, names, date served, etc. was discussed to recognize the former volunteer ambulance department in Hamilton. The flag trailer has been purchased. Fundraising still remains underway with approximately $700 still need for towards the initial purchase including further funding for mounted racks, registration, insurance, etc.

11. **Adjournment** - Schlatter made a motion to adjourn the regular Council Meeting. Wilson seconded the motion. Roll was called with Asbury, Buckert, Wilson, Summers, Schlatter, and Boone voting “aye.” The motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:15pm.

Approved by the Hamilton City Council on November 2, 2026

_____ Logan Schrapf, City Clerk

Approved:

_____ Bocephus Casey, Mayor