

Hamilton Board of Alderman Meeting
January 13, 2021
City Hall Meeting Room

The public meeting was called to order by Mayor Kris Bruce on January 13, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Alderman Gilbert, Alderman Fast, Alderman Doan, and Alderman Alexander answered roll call. City Attorney Blair Merrigan, City Administrator Jean Van Iperen, and City Clerk Crystal Dorrel were present. The meeting was available via zoom.

Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Doan-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Doan-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye.

Alderman Alexander made a motion to dispense with and approve minutes from December 9, 2020. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Doan-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Police Report- (Doc. 1)

Public Works Report- (Doc. 2)

People Service Report- (Doc. 3)

City Administrators Report-

a. Water line update- Great Plains left right before Christmas and will return tentatively in February when the ground isn't freezing.

b. Emergency Water Line update- Van Iperen explained the City is still waiting on easements.

c. Minimum Wage- \$10.30 (summer hires)- Van Iperen discussed with Council minimum wage increasing. Council decided an increase in pool entry fee's etc. would help with the wage increase. Van Iperen also discussed Life Guard training through Mirma, hopefully sharing the cost of the training with the City of Gallatin.

d. Little Otter Creek Reservoir Groundbreaking Ceremony – Postponed

e. Annual I & I report with DNR- (Doc. 4)

f. Bird/Arthur street Information- Van Iperen discussed with Great River the cost of repairing Bird or Arthur Street. Lyndsey Chaffin with Great River explained Arthur would be a full depth repair & cost prohibitive and Bird would be approximately \$75,000.00- \$100,000.00 to repair.

g. Bulk Trash Pickup Days- March 6 & October 23

h. Snow Removal Policy-(Doc. 5)

i. Election Deadline- January 19, 2021 @ 5:00pm.

k. Upcoming Bids- Hay Ground, Cleaning Contract for City Facilities- Van Iperen discussed with Council these bids are coming up and will be advertised and posted.

l. Youth Council Representatives- Van Iperen discussed with Council different options for Youth Council Representatives. Application & Interview process was discussed. Council decided the representatives should be a high school student and be a resident of Hamilton or a student of Hamilton R-II. They will have one West Ward Representative and one East Ward Representative.

Mayors Comments-

a. Use of Masks in Public Areas (ex. Casey's Gas Station)- Council decided previously that it would be up to each individual business.

b. Trash Recycle Area or City Trash Pick Up- Van Iperen explained to Council when she checked into pricing the curbside trash service would increase the trash bill \$7.00 per household and require 80% participation.

c. Public Safety at Reservoir- Hay Bales?- Mayor Kris Bruce discussed with Council the safety issues with sled riders on Reservoir Hill. Van Iperen explained it was not a designated sled riding area. Bruce discussed an option of putting up hay bales at the end of the hill and wanted to discuss using the hay bales that were mowed at the reservoir. Van Iperen explained that the hay/mowing was under contract and whomever had the contract kept the hay.

Discussion of multiple rentals on one meter- Van Iperen explained the City staff had a landlord inquire about multiple rentals being charged a minimum based on # of units but having only one meter. City Clerk Crystal Dorrel researched what other communities did with multiple rentals and one meter and explained most other communities did the same; the landlord was content with what was going on and had a better understanding.

Discussion regarding Lot Splits at 716 S. Davis and 513 & 515 W. McGaughey. Alderman Gilbert excused himself from this discussion as these properties are owned by him. 716 S. Davis is a trailer on a very large lot- would like to split in two. (Doc. 6) 513 & 515 are both large lots that he would like to split in two and put a driveway in the center of both split lots. (Doc. 7) Council discussed Mr. Gilbert needs to get a survey of all properties but wouldn't have an issue allowing the split of said properties if the lots were big enough.

Mid Year Budget Review- (Doc. 8)

Resolution 2021-1- A Resolution approving the appointment of Amber Fulbright to the Hamilton Library Board. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-1. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Doan-aye, Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye.

Bill # 0113211- An Ordinance amending Chapter 40 by adding Sub-Chapter C-Fencing as it relates to the Municipal Building Codes. Alderman Fast read Bill # 0113211 for the first time. Alderman Alexander read Bill # 0113211 for the second time. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Bill # 0113211. Alderman Doan seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Doan-aye, Fast-aye, Alexander-aye.

Adjournment- Alderman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Doan-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye.

Crystal Dorrel
City Clerk