

Hamilton Board of Alderman Meeting

April 21, 2021

City Hall Meeting Room

The public meeting was called to order by Mayor Kris Bruce on April 21, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Alderman Gilbert, Alderman Fast, Alderman Alexander, Alderman Singer 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: Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye.

Bill 0412211- An Ordinance declaring the Election Results. Alderman Gilbert read Bill 0412211 for the first time. Alderman Alexander read Bill 0412211 for the second time. Alderman Gilbert made a motion to approve Bill 0412211. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye, Fast-aye.

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Administer Oath of Office

Resolution #2021-05- Appoint President of the Board of Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Fast made a motion to appoint Keith Gilbert Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye.

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

Alderman Alexander made a motion to dispense with and approve the minutes from March 10, 2021. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Public Participation

Jamie Williams- 7t Street- Jamie talked with Council about the condition of the street beside her home. The street has numerous pot holes and people have started driving on her property to avoid the pot holes. Jamie is asking Council's advice on what she as a property owner can do to avoid her property being used as a road and also asking that the pot holes be repaired. Council advised Jamie city employees have been working on filling pot holes and will continue to do so.

Arlene Finwick talked with council about a couple of dogs that have been wandering around her neighborhood. When describing the dogs, Chief April Melte assured her the police had contacted the owners and the owners were in the process of getting rid of said animals.

Mary Purcell talked with council about pot holes on California Street. She believes with 2 daycares being on that street it should be a priority to be repaired. Council explained the city employees have been filling pot holes and will continue to do so. Mrs. Purcell also had questions as to why only part of Ardinger Street got repaved and the other parts didn't. Alderman Keith Gilbert explained the part of Ardinger street that was paved already have new water lines and the north end will be done accordingly and by the street plan.

Police Report- Doc. 1

Public Works Dept Report- Doc. 2

People's Service Report- Doc. 3

City Administrator's Report-

a. Water line update- Great Plains Contractors are back working on water lines. They have started on service lines on Gallatin Street in order to get finished before Gallatin Street Project starts.

b. Hotel Tax- Administrator Van Iperen explained the Hotel Tax needed to be approved in Jefferson City. Randy Railsback has agreed to present the Tax in Jefferson City if Council decides to proceed. If Jefferson City approves then it will go to the vote of the citizens next April.

c. American Rescue Plan Funds- The City is projected to receive around \$310,000.00. Council discussed different uses for the funds. Alderman Fast stated the City will have until 2024 to spend the funds and would like to utilize the money effectively.

d. Budget Priorities- Capital Improvement Projects (website, street project, sewer project) Administrator Van Iperen talked with Council about projects that were priorities for the next Budget year. The City Website has been talked about numerous times and should be a top priority. Van Iperen explained the developers of the new website will take what's on the current website will transfer over to new website and make it user friendly. We will be able to add Ordinances, Codes, etc. to the new website as well.

e. Pool Update- Van Iperen informed council to date we have not received any pool manager application and have only received 9 lifeguard applications. Van Iperen explained in order to be fully staffed with the same hours and days as previous years the city would need 17- 19 lifeguards. Council suggested an alternative schedule. Van Iperen will continue to advertise. Council decided a definite decision will need to be made May 1st in order to have the time to get the pool ready for the season.

Mayors Comments

Nuisances/Officer- Mayor Kris Bruce talked with council about hiring a Nuisance Officer. Chief Melte explained it would have to be an officer in order to write Nuisance tickets or the City would be paying someone who can't do the job. Alderman Keith Gilbert stated he would rather spend the money elsewhere and for the Police Department to continue issuing the Violations.

Bill 0421213- An Ordinance authorizing the City of Hamilton to enter into a Contract for the Gallatin Street Paving Project with Herzog. Alderman Gilbert read Bill 0421213 for the first time. Alderman Alexander read Bill 0421213 for the second time. Alderman Gilbert made a motion to approve Bill 0421213 with the Modification of the City employees replacing both culverts. Alderman Fast seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-ye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye, Singer-aye.

Discussion on priority street (light overlay) projects and one year maintenance plan. Van Iperen discussed with the council which streets they wanted a light overlay on as the budget allowed. Council discussed East 7th should be a priority street to receive a light overlay.

Discussion on recycling program and grant for Hamilton- McKinzie Grant discussed with council about a Traveling Recycling Tractor. Mrs Grant has talked with Ann Hamilton at Green Hills about Hamilton having recycling again and about any Grants that might be available. Van Iperen explained in the past the recycling program didn't work as it turned into citizens just dumping trash, couches, mattresses, etc. Bob Hughes suggested talking with the County Commissioners as they just recently received a grant and purchased a traveling recycling tractor.

Resolution R 2021-06- Authorize the Mayor to sign WARN Mutual Aid agreement. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-06. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-aye, Fast-aye.

Bill 0421212- An Ordinance providing for the election and setting forth the duties, salary, and term of office for the City Clerk. Alderman Fast read Bill 0421212 for the first time. Alderman Gilbert read Bill 0421212 for the second time. Alderman

Fast made a motion to approve Bill 0421212. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Gilbert-aye, Fast-aye, Alexander-aye, Singer-aye.

Discussion on Charging Stations- Doc. 4- Discussion on several different locations in town. Van Iperen explained Ameren will help with paying a certain portion of the cost to bring them to town. Council discussed the payback and decided at this time the length of time to pay off would be too long. Alderman Singer suggested talking with MSQC about the idea.

Discuss the abatement of nuisance at 600 E Arthur- Van Iperen discussed with council this has been an issue for years and was thrown out of court once as there was no proof of ownership. City Attorney Merrigan suggested the city go through the process of proving ownership. Van Iperen would like the council to consider the City abating the nuisance and putting a lien against the property. Planning and Zoning will have the second hearing to move forward in October 2021.

Resolution 2021-07-Appointment of Courtney Hughes to the Hamilton Park Board. Alderman Gilbert made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye, Singer-aye.

Adjournment

Alderman Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:36 p.m. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye.