

Hamilton Board of Alderman Meeting

May 12, 2021

City Hall Meeting Room

The public meeting was called to order by Mayor Kris Bruce on May 12, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Alderman Gilbert, Alderman Fast, Alderman Alexander, Alderman Singer all 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, Singer-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye.

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

Alderman Alexander made a motion to dispense with and approve the minutes from April 21, 2021, and May 5, 2021 meetings. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye, Alexander-aye.

Police Report- Doc. 1

Public Works Dept- Doc. 2

People's Service Report- Doc. 3

City Administrators Report

a. Swimming Pool Update- The City opened up the applications for lifeguards to 15 year olds and to date have received 6 more applications. These applicants have been enrolled in training.

b. Waterline Project Update- Van Iperen explained the contractor is currently doing a Bactise test on Gallatin Street and will start service lines as soon as results are returned. The contractor will also begin replacing the main line out to water plant.

c. Gallatin Street Update- Contractors are getting bond/insurance and hope to begin construction in May weather permitting.

d. Emergency Water connection Update- Van Iperen explained the city is waiting for 1 more easement to be signed.

e. MML Annual Conference- Sept.26th -29th Registration in St. Louis

f. R & W Container- Van Iperen explained to council the city has had issues with out of town residents dumping trash in town. R & W is picking up a considerable amount more than in the past and contributes this to the out of town residents dumping in town. Alderman Fast would like to put a reminder out about stipulations on trash, containers, etc.

Mayors Comments-

a. Storm Shelters/Locations- Mayor Bruce was contacted from a resident about the city posting where Storm Shelters were located in Hamilton. City Attorney Blair Merrigan strongly suggested this was not in fact the City's responsibility. Alderman Alexander suggested the Mayor contact Caldwell County Coalition (CERT) in order to get the information out.

b. Before and after pics of street repairs and progress- Mayor Kris Bruce suggested the City take pictures of all pot holes being repaired in town. Van Iperen suggested full street repair pictures being taken when all pot holes are filled due to time/employee's etc. Alderman Gilbert stated he would prefer the employees take the time repairing versus taking pictures. No action was taken.

c. Live Trap rental for citizens- Mayor Bruce suggested the City buy live traps and rent residents traps in order to catch feline. Attorney Merrigan strongly discouraged the City being any part of renting live traps. She explained it would be the cities responsibility to get rid of whatever was trapped. Alderman Gilbert wants the cities resources to be used in more useful ways.

Resolution 2021-8- A Resolution appointing Annette Ashbach to the Planning and Zoning Board. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-8. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Singer-aye, Fast-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Discussion on the 2021-2022 Budget including Capital Expenditures- Doc. 4 & 5 Police Chief April Melte talked with council about raising the pay scale for the police officers. Chief Melte believes in order to keep fully staffed and stay competitive the pay scale needs to increase. Council discussed numerous areas of the Budget and will discuss again at the June meeting.

Alderman Fast made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Alexander-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye.

*Crystal Dorrel
City Clerk*