

Hamilton Board of Alderman Meeting

June 9, 2021

City Hall Meeting Room

The public meeting was called to order by Mayor Kris Bruce on June 9, 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: Gilbert-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Alexander-aye.

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

Alderman Alexander made a motion to dispense with and approve minutes from May 12, 2021. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Public Participation- Jim Luther suggested the city look into grants for putting Storm Sirens at each end of town for the residents to have better luck of hearing sirens in the event of bad weather.

AMP & Family which are the new owners of the Bowling Alley talked with Council about their liquor license. City Administrator Van Iperen explained to Council the ordinance currently only allows 2 businesses in town to sell hard liquor and both of those are used. Van Iperen asked councils opinion on changing the ordinance and allowing more businesses in town to sell hard alcohol. Van Iperen will have an ordinance for the next meeting.

Police Report Doc. 1

Public Works Dept. Public Works Dept. worked on several things for the month of May 2021. Man holes, painted and filled pool, worked on tubes on Gallatin Street and numerous other projects.

People's Service Report- Doc. 2

City Administrators Report

a. Swimming Pool Update- Van Iperen informed Council the pool had opened on June 1st. Alderman Alexander asked about the light pole that had been damaged earlier in the spring. Van Iperen explained she is still researching where to find that particular pole.

b. Gallatin Street Update- Van Iperen informed council the culverts on Gallatin Street are finished. Pre-Construction meeting is set for June 11th, 2021.

c. Emergency Water connection Update- All easements are signed and the City is ready to go out for bid. Council will be updated of progress at next meeting.

e. Job Notification- City Administrator Van Iperen is asking for permission to work @ her husband's Ice Cream shop after hours and possibly on weekends. She explained per her contract she has get permission from Council to do this.

f. Visitors Center- Administrator Van Iperen met with Bob Lund and Larry Snyder to discuss if City is interested in helping staff etc. Visitors Center and also if there is interest in helping display Dean Hales's Car. Alderman Fast suggested something like McCorkle Park in Cameron. Council decided they would like to move forward and get more information before making a decision on whether to help or not.

g. Downtown Trash- Previously the Downtown trash were dumped by city employees every morning Monday –Friday. The restaurants were then

responsible to dump them during the day and on the weekends. Van Iperen explained to Council issues were arising with new businesses not taking responsibility for dumping trash cans. Alderman Gilbert thinks the trash cans are a courtesy to the businesses and believes it is not the cities responsibilities to dump trash cans throughout the day. Council suggested if problems continue the trash cans can either be removed or businesses can work together to keep trash cans dumped accordingly.

Mayors Comments

a. Policing north of town/curfew for kids, grass of Hwys, parking wrong direction on streets. Council suggests just asking residents not to blow grass on streets versus making it an ordinance. Curfew ordinance was discussed and is currently 12:00 -5:00 a.m. Council would like to change Curfew ordinance to 10:00 during the week. Parking wrong way on street was discussed and is currently an Ordinance/State Law. It was also brought to the attention of Council the equipment lining Ardinger Street at the Welding Shop. Council agreed this needed to be addressed with a conversation.

b. Sidewalks along Hwy 13- Mayor Bruce had it brought to his attention how poor the sidewalks are along 13 hwy also the stairs/handrail at Davis and 7th street. Alderman Fast brought to Mayor Bruce's attention the new sidewalks on Ardinger Street but people still walking on the road. Alderman Fast believes the sidewalks should be addressed at a later date but agrees the stairs and handrail need to be addressed quickly due to it being dangerous.

c. Text caster for water breaks, road closing, etc.- City Administrator Van Iperen explained to Council the new website will be functional to include social media, text caster, etc. Van Iperen also explained text casters cost money. Alderman Fast would like to find out how much Text Caster costs and what the cost would be to bring text caster to all residents.

d. Pedestrian signs on 13 and crossing signs for Hwy CC for kids going to pool- City Administrator explained both 13 & CC are state highways and are maintained/signed by MoDot.

Butterfly Park Update/Appointment of new Council Representative- Bob Hughes gave an update on the Butterfly Park. Pathways are being mowed; flowers planted about 6-8 wks ago. He explained there are issues with a couple of light poles being broken and one getting ready to break. Farmers Electric is scheduled to take a look at those next week. Bob Hughes suggested looking at the Park Board taking the Butterfly Park over in the future. Alderman Keith Gilbert made a motion to approve Cameron Fast to the Butterfly Park Board. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-aye.

Resolution 2021-8- Resolution appointing Brandon Smith to the Hamilton Park Board. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-8. Alderman Singer seconded the motion. Vote: Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye.

Bill 0609211- An Ordinance establishing salaries for employees of the city of Hamilton. Alderman Fast read Bill 0609211 for the first time. Alderman Gilbert read Bill 0609211 for the second time. Alderman Gilbert made a motion to approve Bill 0609211 as amended. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye, Alexander-aye.

Bill 0609212- An Ordinance approving, adopting and appropriating the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Alderman Fast read Bill 0609212 for the first time. Alderman Singer read Bill 0609212 for the second time. Alderman Gilbert made a motion to approve Bill 0609212 for the first time. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-aye, Alexander-aye.

Alderman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11p.m. Alderman Gilbert seconded the motion. Vote: Fast-aye, Gilbert-aye, Singer-aye, Alexander-aye.

Crystal Dorrel