

Hamilton Board of Alderman Meeting
August 11, 2021
City Hall Meeting Room

The Public Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kris Bruce on August 11, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. Alderman Fast, Alderman Singer, and Alderman Alexander answered roll call. Alderman Gilbert was absent. City Attorney Blair Merrigan, City Administrator Jean Van Iperen, and City Clerk Crystal Dorrel were present. The meeting was also available via zoom.

A Public Hearing- Setting of Tax Rate- Doc. 1 Beverly Alden asked why Tax Rate has such a fluctuation. Administrator Van Iperen explained the fluctuation was caused by the Debt Service and the City's Bond payments rarely staying the same.

With no other discussion, Alderman Fast made a motion to close the public meeting at 5:38p.m. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Alderman Fast-aye, Alderman Singer-aye, Alderman Alexander-aye, Alderman Gilbert-absent.

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

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

Alderman Alexander made a motion to dispense with and approve minutes from July 14, 2021. Alderman Singer seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Public Participation

Mrs. Finwick had questions about her higher than normal water usage. Van Iperen explained she would send Peoples Service out to pull her information off her meter and look for any leaks.

Alderman Fast would like to look into ideas for something the city can do to provide help for residents who have people driving in their yards due to roads being in poor shape. Alderman Fast recommended looking into metal posts. Van Iperen will look into costs of posts and any insurance liability the city would take on.

Police Report- Doc 2

Public Works worked on filling pot holes, power washed reservoir bathrooms, helped with water leaks, ditched, mowed, fixed bench & lifeguard stand at pool, worked on pool pump, graveled reservoir road, sprayed MoDot lagoons, hauled trash, and jetted. Doc 3

People's Service Report- Doc 4

City Administrators Report-

a. Water Line project update- Administrator Van Iperen explained all main lines are in and the contractor is now working on service lines. The contractor is looking at possibly being completely done in the next 6-8 weeks.

b. Gallatin Street Update- Contractor came in and chip and sealed Gallatin Street in order to fill holes and cracks, will begin overlay sometime this month.

c. Water Tower Inspection- Yearly inspection was good but paint inside of tower needs to be done. Van Iperen will schedule it for Summer/Spring 2022 as the water plant will have to run 24-7.

d. Radio Read System Update- Computer system is set up in City Hall and working.

e. Motor Fuel Tax Update- First payment was received from Gulf Station in the amount of \$2390.68 for the month of July. The City has not received payment from Casey's or MFA yet.

f. Pool Closed- Van Iperen explained the main pump went out. Public Works employees located a pump and found electrical issues to be repaired but are still in hopes to be able to open back up the last couple days of the season.

Mayors points of interest and topics of concern-

a. Sign update- Van Iperen explained that street signs are replaced as time allows. She would rather the employees be working on streets etc., they will work on signs more during cold weather.

b. Trash around town- Mayor Bruce was asked about Casey's having trash in parking lot. Van Iperen explained it was not the cities responsibility to clean up private property.

Discussion of Chapter 66 of the City Code Relating to Yard Sales- Doc. 5- Council decided to repeal the Ordinance. Van Iperen will have it ready to repeal at the meeting in September.

Bill 0811201- An Ordinance setting the levy for property taxes for the City of Hamilton, Missouri for the year 2021-2022 for General, Library, Parks, and Debt Service funds. Alderman Alexander read Bill 0811201 for the first time. Alderman Fast read Bill 0811201 for the second time. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Bill 0811201. Alderman Singer seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Bill 0811202- An Ordinance amending Section 75.1980 as it relates to exceptions for Curfews for person under eighteen. Alderman Alexander read Bill 0811202 for the first time. Alderman Singer read Bill 0811202 for the second time. Alderman Fast made a motion to approve Bill 0811202. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Singer-aye, Fast-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Discussion regarding ARPA Funding for Non-Entitled Units of Local Government- Doc 6- Administrator Van Iperen would like the council to consider using funds for lining the sewers. Council would like Van Iperen to make a list of top priorities that are covered, examples being Sewer, Tennis Courts/Pavilion, Technology/Camera's City Hall, and Camera's Police Dept. etc.

Alderman Fast made a motion to go into closed meeting @ 6:50 p.m. Pursuant to Section 610.021 for the following purposes: (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its representatives and its attorneys. Alderman Singer seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Alderman Alexander made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting @ 7:05 p.m. Alderman Fast seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Fast-aye, Singer-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Alderman Singer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Alderman Fast seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander-aye, Singer-aye, Fast-aye, Gilbert-absent.

Crystal Dorrel
City Clerk

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