

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
AUGUST 8, 2019**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 8th day of August, 2019 at 6 p.m. in City Hall, 200 East Main, Hamilton, Texas.

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Jim McInnis

Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan

Councilmember Cody Morris

Councilmember George Beard

Councilmember Shelley Voges

City Administrator Pete Kampfer

City Secretary Ryan Polster

Attorney Connie White

Others present: Police Chief Tony Yocham, Lt. Dustin Smallridge, Hamilton Herald News Maria Weaver, Hamilton EDC Director Sara Bauman, Gary Haggard, Diana Crawford, Vicki Beard, Daniel Thatcher, Justin Slone, Johnny Clepper, Teresa Clepper, Tom Dalton, Dr. James Lee, and Keith Gatewood.

Item No. I: Mayor McInnis opened the meeting with a Prayer and Pledge of allegiance.

Item No. II: Public Comments. None

Item No. III: The following Consent Agenda Items were approved unanimously in a single Motion from Morris and a second from Voges.

1. The July 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. The July, 2019 Financial Report.

Item No. IV: The following agenda deliberations were discussed and/or action taken:

1. Resolution #25-19, Appointing Justin Slone to serve the remaining term of Jim Eidson's vacant City Council seat, passed with a vote of 3 to 1 on a Motion from Morris and a second from Jordan. Beard had moved to nominate Gary Haggard, but withdrew his nomination for lack of a second. Seven candidates signed-up at City Hall to be considered for the seat. The four who were present at the meeting and who spoke prior to the Council's vote were Daniel Thatcher, Gary Haggard, Justin Slone and Keith Gatewood. After the vote, Justin Slone was sworn in by City Secretary Polster and took his place at the Council table.
2. Resolution #20-19, Approving Hamilton County Jr. Livestock Association to Lease the Jayson Harris Pavilion and Rodeo Arena, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a Second from Morris.
3. Resolution #21-19, supporting a Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)

- 2019-20 Aviation Capital Improvement Program Grant to rehabilitate and remark the runway and taxiways, passed unanimously with a motion from Morris and a second from Voges. Jordan abstained. Dr Randy Lee presented economic impact information and general background information on the airport prior to the vote.
4. Resolution #22-19, Approving Hamilton Economic Development Corporation 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by Sarah Bauman, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.
 5. Budget Workshop – Revenue and Expenditure in all departments, infrastructure, grant income in the utility, general and airport funds, and future planning were discussed in regard to the proposed 2019-20 City Budget. No action was taken.
 6. Resolution #23-19, Calling for Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019 - 2020 Fiscal Year Budget, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Jordan.
 7. Resolution #24-19, Calling for Notification of Proposed 2019 Rollback Property Tax Rate of .5852 per \$100.00 valuation passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Beard voted against.

Pete Kampfer presented the City Administrator's Report.

- Tom Dalton presented the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department report.
- Kampfer scheduled the next budget workshop for the 2019-20 City Budget on August 15th. Kampfer is tallying the Citizen Surveys.
- Kampfer asked Ben Rosenburg with State Capital Financing out of Austin to come and explain financing.
- Kampfer said a facilities tour is still available if Council desires to do a tour.
- Kampfer said the award of another \$275,000 for a 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Wastewater Plant Upgrade is a victory for the City.
- Kampfer talked about the current CDBG Funded Grant Projects saying the Sewer Line Project is in the clean up stage and then will be done. For the Hospital Enhancement (CEF) they are finalizing architecture renderings.
- Chamber of Commerce has requested a Street Closure for August 31, of Bell Street from HWY 36 to Wenzel's for Dove Festival
- City Hall will be Closed for Labor Day on September 2nd.
- Kampfer discussed Street Paving/Drainage repairs.
- Kampfer will look at bids on mowers for use in parks, cemetery, water plant and water towers.
- At the wastewater plant, bearings gave out. Kampfer would have liked to use grant money but will have to spend about \$17,000 to fix this problem sooner than anticipated.
- Kampfer said he is perusing grants considering City Lake as a secure source of water. The City Lake Dam Emergency Action Plan needs to be updated.

- State of Texas has revised building permit fees
- Chief Yocham gave the Police Department report to include animal control.
- Kampfer said storm damage and repair is still being worked on at the airport.
- Kampfer discussed the requirements imposed on the City of Hamilton by TCEQ for the burn pile.

Item No. V: Future Agenda Items. None

Item No. VI: Mayor McInnis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 9:49pm with a Motion from Morris and a second from Voges.

Jim McInnis, Mayor

Ryan W. Polster, City Secretary