

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
JANUARY 9, 2020**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 9th day of January, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, 200 East Main, Hamilton, Texas.

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Jim McInnis	Councilmember Shelley Voges
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan	Attorney Connie White
Councilmember Cody Morris	City Secretary/Interim City Administrator
Councilmember George Beard	Ryan Polster

Absent: Councilmember Justin Slone

Others present: Hamilton Herald News Kate Edwards, Hamilton EDC Director Sara Bauman, Lt. Dustin Smallridge, Sgt. Devin Tenboer, Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department President Tom Dalton, Daniel Thatcher, Vicki Beard and Gary Haggard.

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

Item No. II: Public Comments. Gary Haggard spoke in opposition to the \$20.00 increase in the cost of the Annual Permit for Bulk Trash and Brush. He asked that the Bulk Trash and Brush drop-off be separate. Haggard also said that the Items listed on the Agendas are very vague and do not include data. He asked for more detail in Agendas.

Item No. III: Beard Motioned for the December Financial Report to be moved from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and action. Morris seconded the Motion which passed unanimously. The following Consent Agenda Item was approved unanimously in a single Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.

1. The December 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

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

1. George Beard asked for elaboration on the missed payment of electrical usage in the November financial report for Fire Department and other Departments. Polster explained that the November bill and the December bill for electrical usage were both paid in full in the month of December. Beard made a Motion to approve the December, 2019 Financial Report. Voges seconded the Motion which passed unanimously.
2. Tom Dalton presented the HVFD Status Report. Dalton said the Department ended the year in a good financial position. He also said that it is time to start pursuing grants for a building. A Hazmat Trailer and Car Port to protect the trailer were donated to the HVFD. They will be located behind the Fire Station.
3. Resolution #01-20, Ordering Municipal Election for City Council and Appointing Judy Jackson as Election Judge and Joyce Sommerfeld as Alternate Election Judge, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Jordan.
4. Resolution #02-20, Declaring April 20th and April 21st as Two Twelve Hour Days for Early Voting, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Voges.
5. Resolution #03-20, Amending the City of Hamilton Personnel Policy Section 8 where pertains to Use of City Property, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.

6. Resolution #04-20, Adopting a Master Plan for Parks, Recreational Facilities and Open Space, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Voges.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report.

- Sara Bauman presented an update on the Mainstreet Program – Bauman said that the First Lady of Texas will fly in to our airport to unveil a rendering on build improvements in April.
- Polster updated the CDBG Projects – The final payment for engineering for the Sewer Line CDBG from TDA is on the way. After paying engineering, one more payment to Grantworks for \$3025 will be required to close the account. The Mayor signed startup documents for the CDBG for sewer plant improvements. The Hospital CEF/CDBG went out for bids to hire a contractor for the building. Bids will be opened the 4th of February.
- Polster scheduled and posted a meeting for the tour of Upper Leon Treatment Plant on January 10th 9:00am
- Polster spoke about the sale of the Snorkel Fire Truck and the CAT Backhoe. He also spoke about the purchase of a sewer camera to aide in finding problem areas and reduce the amount of digging in streets.
- Polster said the candidate packets are available for pickup for the May 2, 2020 Municipal Election.
- Lt. Smallridge presented the Police Report to include animal control.
- Polster will work on planning for hangar replacement. EDC has set aside money for a Pilot Lounge, so a building project will need to be put together.

Item No. V: Future Agenda Items. Morris asked to review the policy on Government Code 30.06 and 30.07 for hand guns. Morris also asked for the City Administrator position to be placed on the next agenda. Beard asked about employee training for street work and filling potholes. Voges and Jordan asked for a streets workshop in February. Beard ask to review section 46 for solid waste where hand carts are concerned. Polster said he would commence an audit on hand cart pickup. Beard also asked to review Bulk Trash transfer station fees to consider a per use fee schedule.

Item No. VI: Mayor McInnis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 6:52pm with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.

Jim McInnis, Mayor

Ryan W. Polster, City Secretary