

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
MARCH 12, 2020**

A Regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 12th day of March, 2020 at 6:00 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 Justin Slone

Councilmember Shelley Voges

Attorney Connie White

City Secretary/Interim City Administrator

Ryan Polster

Others present: Police Chief Tony Yocham, Hamilton Herald News Maria Weaver and Kate Edwards, Code Enforcement Officer Karla Werkman, Joseph Polster, Emma Polster, Jaley Reich, Tarleton Student filming for 4-H Madison Mobley, Lynzee Bennett, Misti Polster, Daniel Thatcher, Vicki Beard, First Baptist Pastor Drew Dabbs, Keith Gatewood, Michael Langford, Bonnie Chism, Tom White, CCA Director Kimbra Hobbs, Lloyd and Bettye Huggins.

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

Item No. II: Public Comments. Drew Dabbs spoke about Law Enforcement and the efforts by the Hamilton Police and Sheriff Dept to keep the City of Hamilton a safe community. Mr. Dabbs said the Hamilton Police Department does a great job keeping Hamilton safe and the Police have always been there for him and his family. Keith Gatewood also spoke about law enforcement saying that he supports both the Hamilton Police and the Sheriff's Department. He asked that the council considers saving money but not at the expense of less protection than we already have. Lloyd Huggins, Precinct #3 County Commissioner, spoke about Michael Langford's effort to create a new meeting place for the Senior Center. Mr. Huggins thinks it is a good idea for the County to partner with the City.

Mayor spoke about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). He spoke about community concerns and the need to continue thinking about ways to aid and assist other entities such as the School, nursing homes, the Hospital, individuals and businesses.

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

1. Morris made a Motion to approve the February 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Voges and passed unanimously.
2. Slone made a Motion to approve the February 27, 2020 Called Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Beard and passed unanimously.
3. Morris made a Motion to approving the February, 2020 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
4. No Report was given by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.
5. Jordan made a Motion to Ratify a Government Obligation Contract for Continuation of Bobcat Lease. The Motion was Seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.
6. Slone made a Motion to authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Reavis Consulting Engineers for amending Division 2 and Division 3 of Article IV of Chapter 62 Utilities. The amendment would establish testing

procedures, fees and penalties for noncompliance with wastewater discharge. The Motion was seconded by Beard and passed unanimously.

7. Jordan made a Motion to approving a Joint Community Election Agreement between The City of Hamilton and Hamilton Independent School District. The Motion was seconded by Slone and passed unanimously.
8. Resolution #10-20, authorizing funding, layout and installation of a Disc Golf Course in The Hamilton Sports Complex as presented by Joseph Polster for his 4-H project, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.
9. Jordan made a Motion to table discussion or an Ordinance Adopting Bulk Waste Permitting and usage fees until the April meeting. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.
10. Michael Langford presented his board's idea to use the old Higginbothams location for a Senior Citizen Center instead of the current location in the Courthouse Annex. CCA Director Kimbra Hobbs also spoke about the current senior programming. Resolution #11-20, appointing Shelley Voges to an advisory board to study the feasibility of a City of Hamilton sponsored Senior Citizen Center, passed with a Motion from Slone and a second from Morris. Slone, Jordan, Voges and Morris voted in favor and Beard voted against.
11. Polster reported on the roads that were identified as top priority roads in the previous regular council meeting. Polster presented the different methods of maintaining the roads based on a Pavement Condition Index graph as well as and an estimated cost for each road or portion of road. No Action was taken.

Item No. IV: At 7:11pm, on Thursday March 12, 2020, City Council Convened into Executive Session in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Contracts. City Council Closed the executive session at 7:33pm.

Item No. V: At 7:33pm City Council Reconvened into Open Session.

12. Resolution #12-20, Naming the Hamilton Police Department as the law enforcement provider for the City of Hamilton, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Beard.

Item No. VI: At 7:35pm, on Thursday March 12, 2020, City Council Convened into Executive Session in Compliance with the Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Authorized by Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, Appointment of City Administrator/City Secretary. City Council Closed the executive session at 7:49pm.

Item No. VII: At 7:49pm City Council Reconvened into Open Session.

13. Resolution #13-20, Appointing Ryan Polster as City Administrator, passed unanimously with a Motion from Slone and a second from Morris.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report.

- Polster updated council on the CTCOG Grant Workshop.
- Chief Yocham presented the police report to include animal control.
- Polster updated council on the hand cart audit and the frequency of future audits.
- Polster updated council on the airport sign, the need to upgrade the credit card reader and the need to upgrade the 100LL fuel filter vessel.
- Polster reported that, after a TCEQ inspection, the City of Hamilton Public Water System was recognized as a superior system.
- Polster handed out information on the Coronavirus from Texas House of Representative District 59 JD Sheffield and also other information from Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.

Item No. VIII: Future Agenda Items. Slone asked that the Citizen Survey be sent early and that it would contain the Senior Citizen Center. Jordan asked to have Bulk Waste revisions put on the April agenda. Slone asked to have City Secretary put on the next agenda.

Item No. IX: Mayor McInnis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 8:01pm with a Motion from Morris and a second from Slone.

Jim McInnis, Mayor

Ryan W. Polster, City Secretary