

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

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

The City Council meeting was open to the public. To allow for remote participation, people could view and listen to the meeting live via Zoom or Facebook. Citizens could also provide a citizen's presentation and address the council via Zoom connection. Instructions were given during the meeting about how to address the Council. Sign in to the Zoom meeting was provided through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/qli9gan>

Present for the meeting:

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

Others present: Police Chief Tony Yocham-Zoom, Hamilton Herald News Maria Weaver-Zoom, Code Enforcement Officer Karla Werkman, the following people attended via Zoom Main Street Director Joni Hoxsey, Hamilton County Jr. Youth Livestock Assoc. President Faith Massingill, Colin Melton, Randol Conner, Jerry Jones, Nicki Lamb, and Jim Keay.

**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 agenda deliberations were discussed and/or action taken:

1. Jordan made a Motion to approve the March 12, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.
2. Morris made a Motion to approve the March, 2020 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Slone and approved unanimously.
3. No Report was presented by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.
4. Ordinance #2-20, Amending Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Section 14-55 Schedule of Permit Fees, amending all Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Voges. Karla Werkman addressed the Council on items 4,5, and 6.
5. Ordinance #3-20, Approving New Rate Schedule for Chapter 14 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Section 14-55 Schedule of Permit Fees, passed unanimously with a Motion from Voges and second from Morris.
6. Ordinance #4-20, Repealing Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-3 Paragraph (a) which Pertains to Adoption of various Standard Codes, Adopting Current Codes by Amending all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing a Severability Clause and Providing a Repealer Clause, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and second from Morris.
7. Resolution #14-20, Suspending the Effective Date Proposed by ATMOS Energy Corporation – MidTex Division, to Increase Rates Under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program for 45 days, and Authorize the City's Continued Participation in a Coalition of Cities known as the "Atmos Texas

Municipalities,” passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and second from Voges.

8. Resolution #15-20, Postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election until the November 3, 2020 Uniform Election Date, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and second from Voges.
9. Faith Massingill began her report on the Jayson Harris Pavilion, but was disconnected.
10. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic a Declaration of Local State of Disaster due to Public Health Emergency passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and second from Slone. Other discussions on the COVID-19 pandemic pursued such as eliminating credit card fees. No other action was taken.
11. Resolution #16-20, Amending the Community Enhancement Fund Grant Contract on behalf of the Hamilton General Hospital funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture, passed unanimously with a Motion from Slone and second from Morris.
12. Slone made a Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton County Hospital District for the 2018 Community Enhancement Grant contract number 7218008. The Motion was second by Morris and passed unanimously.
13. Ordinance #5-20, Adopting Bulk Waste Permitting and usage fees, passed with a 4 to 1 vote. Jordan, Voges, Slone voted against unanimously with a Motion from Morris and second by Voges.
14. Resolution #17-20, Appointing Misty Boatwright as City Secretary and approving an exception in Chapter 2 Article 2 Section 2-28 (b), passed with a 3 to 2 vote. Jordan, Slone and Morris voted in favor, and Voges and Beard opposed.
15. Morris made a Motion to approve the Release of the 2020 Citizen Survey as amended by city council, second by Voges and passed unanimously.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator’s Report.

- Polster presented a Compliance Supplemental Environmental Project that would take the place of a TCEQ fine for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 sewage overflow.
- Chief Yocham presented the police report to include animal control.
- Joni Hoxsey presented a report for the Main Street program.
- Polster reported that all holes for the Hamilton Disc Golf Course have been sponsored.
- Polster reported on the Airport to include the Entrance Sign, purchase of a new Credit Card Reader due to termination of parts support for the old unit, and the need to purchase a new 100LL filter vessel.
- Slone asked for information about Automatic Draft to be disseminated to citizens.
- Beard ask information on garbage pickup to be placed on City of Hamilton Facebook page.

**Item No. IV:** Future Agenda Items. Beard ask for the Senior Events Center to place on the May agenda.

**Item No. IX:** Mayor McInnis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 7:40pm with a Motion from Morris and a second from Beard.

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Jim McInnis, Mayor

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Ryan W. Polster, City Secretary