

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
MAY 14, 2020**

A regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 14th day of May, 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 on how to address the Council. Sign in prior to the meeting was provided through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yd8xo9qg>

Present for the meeting:

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

Others present: Police Chief Tony Yocham-Zoom, Hamilton Herald News Maria Weaver-Zoom, the following people attended via Zoom Main Street Director Joni Hoxsey, Hamilton EDC Director Sara Bauman, Chamber of Commerce Director Kim Hinton, Michael Langford, Colin Melton and Nicki Lamb.

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 April 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Voges and passed unanimously.
2. Voges made a motion to approve the April, 2020 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
3. No report was presented by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.
4. Michael Langford discussed a City Sponsored Community/Senior Citizen Center. Beard asked about other location options, Langford asked for time to get data together and present at the next meeting. No action was taken.
5. Resolution #18-20, Approving the Reappointment of James (Jim) Summers to the Board of Directors of the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District, passed unanimously with a Motion by Slone and seconded by Morris.
6. Morris made a Motion to advertise a Request for Proposal for Improving Lemmons and North Brown Street. The Motion was seconded by Voges and passed unanimously.
7. Jordan made a Motion to accept the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Financials and Related Reports, as presented by Sara Bauman. The Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.
8. Jordan made a Motion to accept the Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Financial Report for 1st Quarter 2020 and Related Reports, as presented by Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Director Kim Hinton. The motion was seconded by Voges and passed unanimously.

9. Resolution #19-20, Denial of Application for Approval of a Rate Change Submitted by Texas-New Mexico Power Company and Authorization to Participate in Proceedings at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second by Jordan.
10. In light of COVID-19, Polster discussed reopening dates for City Hall, City Pool, Park Restrooms and the Airport Lounge. Dates may change based on counseling with the County Health Officer Dr. Lee. Polster also reported that Post Legionnaires will cancel the Memorial Day Ceremony, however flags will still be put out at the cemetery. The City has spent about \$1000.00 on COVID-19 readiness. Polster also discussed changing office hours 8:30a to 4p and creating an entry way at the City Hall entrance.
11. No discussion or action was taken to Appoint a Vacant City Council Position on the Hamilton Main Street Board.
12. Jordan made a Motion to approve a Revised Interlocal cooperation agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety for Failure to Appear/OMNI Hold. The Motion was seconded by Voges and passed unanimously.
13. Beard made a Motion to Approve the purchase of 3 ambulances from Horton Emergency Vehicles/Professional Ambulances on behalf of the Hamilton Hospital District under Grant Contract Number 7218008 with the Texas Department of Agriculture. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report.

- Mayor McInnis presented a picture to the Police Department congratulating them on their work.
- Chief Yocham presented the Police Department report to include Animal Control.
- Polster presented a list of sponsors who have paid for the disc golf course to be installed in the Hamilton Sports Complex. The course baskets and signage will be ordered next week.
- The CCR and Community Survey were both sent together on May 11, 2020.
- Mayor McInnis and Polster met with TxDOT, Judge Tynes and the County Commissioners to discuss a 281 bypass around the City of Hamilton. The next meeting will be open to the public in the fall of 2020.
- Polster said the status of the TCEQ Compliance Supplemental Environmental Project is still pending. This is the project that took the place of paying the penalty for a sewer overflow in August 2019.
- Polster reported that the Airport Entrance Sign is still under review. The Length of the Runway is undergoing an Airspace Study. The length was increased to exceed 5000 feet. The new airport fuel credit card reader is in the process of being installed.
- Polster reported that new mulch was ordered for the Sports Complex Playground.
- Polster asked the Council to complete Cyber Security Training by June 14th.
- Polster reported that the transmission is being replaced on the JD backhoe.

Item No. IV: Future Agenda Items. Voges requested the Senior Center on the next agenda. Polster will also add calling the November election.

Item No. V: Mayor McInnis adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 7:11pm with a Motion from Morris and a second from Jordan.

Jim McInnis, Mayor

Misty Boatwright, City Secretary