

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS  
AUGUST 12, 2021**

A regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 12th day of August 12, 2021 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/3ddwx6va>

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Rodney Craddick	City Administrator Ryan Polster
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan	City Secretary Misty Boatwright
Council Member Doug Baker	City Attorney Connie White
Council Member Cody Morris	

Present Via Zoom: Council Member George Beard

Others Present: John Galindo and Natica McDaniel United Care, Springer Courtney Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, Brad Boulton Hamilton Police Chief, Matt Johnson, Meredith Daniels, and Jim Eidson Hamilton Historic Mainstreet, and Uryan Nelson the Planning and Regional Service Director with Central Texas Council of Governments.

**Item No. I:** Mayor Rodney Craddick 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 seconded by Morris to approve the July 8 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 16 Called Subcommittee Meeting Minutes, and July 26 Called Meeting Minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. Morris made a Motion to approve the July 2021 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Baker and passed unanimously.
3. A Status Report was presented by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Springer Courtney, No Action was taken.

4. A Status Report was presented by Matt Johnson Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. There will be a Dove Festival this year September 4<sup>th</sup>, with many activities including a parade. The Chamber of Commerce is still actively looking for a manager. No action taken.
5. Natica McDaniel and John Galindo presented a Status Report and shared expenses from United Care. The City Council then requested investment financials from United Care, Natica stated she will have to get them from Mary Beckner. No Action taken
6. Resolution #36-21 Creating a Regional Emergency Communications District (ECD) passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Baker. Uryan Nelson of CTCOG presented the plan.
7. Resolution #37-21 Accepting Bid on 216 S Stidham St., best described as Lot Three (3), in Block Fifteen (15), of the Howard Addition, to the City of Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas (R16342), described in Volume 563, Page 687, Records of Hamilton County, Texas passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Jordan.
8. Ordinance #15-21 Jordan made a Motion ratifying a proposed tax rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget of .5653, seconded by Morris and passed unanimously with a vote 4 for, Baker, Morris, Beard and Jordan and 0 against.
9. Ordinance #13-21 to Abandon Undeveloped Roads of Stonewall Jackson, Hilltop and N. Stidham in the Graves-Moore Subdivision out of the Alexander Parks Survey, Abstract No 677, City of Hamilton, Hamilton County TX with no active City utilities, was approved unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.
10. Resolution # 38-21 to establish date for two public hearings, August 19<sup>th</sup> at a Planning and Zoning meeting and September 9<sup>th</sup> at Regular Council concerning annexation of property located in Indian Oaks Subdivision. Morris made a Motion seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
11. Morris made a Motion to accept resignation from Councilmember Justin Slone. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report.

Chief Boulton presented the Police report to include Animal Control. Polster stated that the City Offices will be closed September 6, 2021, but the trash service will still run.

Polster stated the Budget Public Hearings are set for August 26, and September 9, 6:00pm City Hall.

Polster stated the Tax Rate Public Hearings are also set for August 26, and September 9, 6:00 pm City Hall.

Polster reported he submitted the H.R. 1319, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and we should be getting half of it \$750,000 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

Polster stated that the he is still working on the Alternate Capacity Requirement there was a conflict with some numbers that we provided and the number TCEQ came up with. We first used billing numbers and then TCEQ took metering reading numbers. They are not taken at the same time of the month.

Polster stated the Bulk Waste Facility Status and the Airport Status is included in the packet.

Polster stated that the oil tank is suppose to arrive the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

**Item No. IV:** Future Agenda Items- United Care Financial report, and to Appeal City Lake decision.

12. Morris made a Motion seconded by Baker on Interviewing applicants for Hamilton Historic Mainstreet Director and Hamilton Economic Development Director. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item No. V:** At 6:53p.m. City Council convened into Executive Session in accordance with the following provision of the Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Hamilton Historic Mainstreet Director Vacancy.

**Item No. VI:** At 7:07 p.m City Council Reconvened into Open Session to consider and/or take action on Executive Session Agenda Deliberation. Morris made a Motion seconded by Baker approving the hiring of Julia Dailey for Hamilton Mainstreet Director, Motion passed unanimously.

**Item No. VII:** At 7:11 p.m. City Council convened into Executive Session in accordance with the following provision of the Government Code, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters; Hamilton Economic Development Director Vacancy.

**Item No. VIII:** At 7:20 p.m. City Council Reconvened into Open Session to consider and/or take action on Executive Session Agenda Deliberation. Baker made a Motion seconded by Jordan to hire Jamie LaDuke for Hamilton Economic Development Director. Motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote. Baker, Jordan and Beard yes and Morris No. Morris has reservation concerning the distance she is going to live from Hamilton.

**Item No. IX:** Mayor Rodney Craddick adjourned the Regular Council Meeting unanimously at 7:32 p.m. with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.

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Mayor Rodney Craddick

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City Secretary, Misty Boatwright