

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 9th day of September, 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. 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: [://tinyurl.com/6z223hue](https://tinyurl.com/6z223hue)

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Rodney Craddick	Councilmember George Beard
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan	Attorney Connie White
Councilmember Cody Morris	City Administrator Ryan Polster

Absent: Misty Boatwright City Secretary and Doug Baker Councilmember

Others present: Paul Gomez Jr. Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, Courtney Springer Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Brad Boulton, Lambert Little, Jay Autrey, Bob Self and Daniel Thatcher.

Item No. I: Mayor Craddick opened the meeting with a Prayer and Pledge allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Item No. II: Mayor Craddick read a Proclamation for the American Legion Cunningham Post 222 September 11, 2001 Remembrance Ceremony. Bob Self invited everyone to attend the Ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Item No. III: Public Comments. None

Item No. IV: Mayor Craddick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. for Citizen Comments on the proposed 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year Budget. No one spoke. Mayor Craddick adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Craddick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:11 p.m. for Citizen Comments on the proposed 2021 City Property Tax Rate. No one spoke. Mayor Craddick adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Craddick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:11 p.m. for Citizen Comments on proposed annexation of Lot Description 25 BLK 01 (38) INDIAN

OAKS; 149X135.3X152X105.5 of the Indian Oaks Subdivision. No one spoke. Mayor Craddick adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Item No. VI: The following Consent Agenda Items were approved unanimously in a single Motion from Jordan and a second from Morris.

1. Approve the August 12th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve the August 26th, 2021 Called Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve the Resolution Designating Hamilton Herald News as the Official Newspaper for City Publications.
4. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Contract for Community Services Through the United Care.
5. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Contract for Public Library Services with Hamilton Public Library.
6. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Contract for Child Safety Funds by the Hamilton Municipal Court for Services Provided by Court Appointed Special Advocates.
7. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant.
8. Approve Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute Contract with Community Foundation of Hamilton County. DBA Hamilton Community Center.

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

1. Morris made a Motion to approve the August 2021 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
2. A Status Report was presented by the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Paul Gomez Jr.
3. Resolution # 49-21, Approving Blue Cross Blue Shield for City of Hamilton Employees FY2022 Health Insurance passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second by Beard.
4. Ordinance # 14-21, Approving the 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year Budget, passed unanimously with a Motion from Morris and a second from Beard. Roll call vote Morris aye, Jordan aye, and Beard aye.
5. Ordinance # 16-21, Levying a Tax Rate for Year 2021. Jordan made a Motion, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .5653, which is effectively a 3.7% increase in the tax rate." Motion was seconded by Morris and a roll call vote was taken. Morris aye, Jordan aye, and Beard aye.

6. Ordinance # 17-21 Morris made a Motion to accept the Annexation of .412 acres of Land being all of Lot 25 of the Indian Oaks Subdivision as shown in Volume 193, Page 93 of the Deed of Records of Hamilton County, Texas. Owned by Chase and Shelly McAninch, the Motion was seconded by Beard and pass unanimously.
7. Resolution # 50 -21, Jordan made a Motion, seconded by Morris and passed unanimously Accepting Bid on 215 S Taylor, best described as Lot Two (2), in Block Fifteen (15), of the Howard Addition, to the City of Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas (R15525), described in Volume 513, Page 741, Deed #1552 of Hamilton County, Texas.
8. Ordinance # 18-21, Morris made a Motion Implementing a Pilot Program to Authorize the sale of food from Mobile Food Vendors within the City Limits and to Establish a Mobile Food Vendor Permit Process for the Pilot Program. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
9. Jordan made a Motion to table, Accepting the Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Financial Report and Related Reports. (Hamilton Chamber of Commerce). The Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.
10. Morris made a Motion to table this item of taking Action to Approve the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and passed unanimously.
11. Ordinance #19-21, for Disannexation for property described as 414 J HAMILTON #15; ACRES: 11.037 of the Hamilton Study Subdivision; and 414 J HAMILTON #15; ACRES: 3.572 of the Hamilton Study Subdivision. Jordan made a Motion to deny petition of disannexation, a second by Beard and passed unanimously.
12. Jordan made a Motion to let the Citizens fill the position of Justin Slone for City Council Person/Position Vacancy. The Motion was seconded by Beard 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 Called meeting to amend 2020-2021 Budget will be September 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Polster stated the City has received half of the \$750,000 in The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding, it will be put in to reserves to on the Tx Water Development loan.

Polster reported on the HWY 36 TXDOT Project, they are widening 36 and are asking the City to move some lines from Upper Leon to the City. McCaleb Lane is only 3 feet and too shallow. The location on Eidson road seems to be ok, and the City may be able to get away with just putting a cover over that line. The cost estimate for the covering is \$5000.00. Beard stated he remembers Upper Leon

saying the City changes ownership at Alamo St. and not the pump station. Polster will research.

Polster reported on N. McDurmitt Street Project.

Polster reported that the Airport has a \$450,000 project

Item No. VIII: Future Agenda Items: 281 and 36 lighting uniform, Nexco Central proposal. Beard asked to review the Noise Ordinance. Jordan wants to review Zoning for Downtown Business Area.

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

Rodney Craddick , Mayor