

City of Hamilton
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MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2022

Work Session started at 6pm
Opened Meeting by Mayor Ransom Farley 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Ransom Farley
Invocation by Councilor Alvin Howard

Approval of minutes for July 11th were approved. Councilor Whearley made the motion to approve, and Mayor Howard 2nd the motion. Vote unanimous.

Fire Report: By Assist Fire Chief Zack Sisk, stated training is ongoing. A slow month which was good. Alarm at the new middle school kept going off they are working to get fix. Structure fire broke out, towels fell between the wall and dryer of a home. Two out of 3 gears came in, they are ready to rock ‘n’ roll.

Water/Sewer Report: Ben Absent

Maintenance Report: Terrance Mahone- Reported everything going smooth within the city. The tractor that was in the shop with broke rim for 3 weeks is out the shop. There will be some work done to sidewalk in Foggy Cedar.

Police Report: Last Tuesday the Hamilton Police Dept attended “National Night Out” in Sweetbay, the County Sheriff Dept and Ga. State Patrol attended as well. They are still monitoring the super speeders on Barnes Mill Rd. and Mobley Rd. Ga. State Patrol will assist.

Ronald Cody Jolley request to be rezone from Residential to Commercial Downtown has been approved, unanimously by Planning and Zoning, Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Council Howard 2nd. Vote unanimously.

Dr. Alan Arrington variance request on Chambless Lane only was approved for a 5-foot setback for the new building. Planning and Zoning vote was unanimously. Councilor Allen made motion to approve 5-foot set back, Councilor Howard 2nd. Vote unanimously.

Mayor Farley would like to thank the Planning and Zoning on a job well done. He was very impress how they conducted business.

Millage rate 2022 was approved. Currently at 7.025. Council Allen made motion to keep millage rate the same, council Whearley 2nd. Vote unanimously.

2022 Budget was amended to reflect higher cost of everything. Council Howard made motion to amend budget, Councilor Whearley 2nd. Vote unanimously.

Reinstate **Purchase Order Policy Ordinance**- It was recommended by auditor to change a couple of things as follow:

Sec. 38-116, change “obtaining bids” in the third sentence to **obtaining quotes; and bids, if necessary**, The bidding process is long and cumbersome and will cost extra.

Sec. 38-117 Change the last sentence to read: **Any purchase that is between \$5000.00 and \$100,000.00 requires at least two competitive bids. Anything over \$100,000.00 requires the full bidding process.**

Sec. 38-120 The first sentence should read: **The city requires bidding on any purchases of \$100,000.00 or more.**

Mayor and council made Buddy Walker the interim city admin for purchase order until they find a new Admin. Councilor Whearley made motion, Councilor Allen 2nd. Vote unanimously.

Citizen’s comment by Virginia Holloway- Reported a white SUV coming up side the post office on the new trail, then turn into the bank.

Executive Session Requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Whearley, no decision made.

No further comments from Council or Mayor

Adjournment

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Greg Allen

Councilor Alvin Howard

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden