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Mayor Ransom Farley
December 12, 2022 Minutes

Open Session by Mayor Farley
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Farley
Invocation done by Alvin Howard

Approval of November 14, 2022 Minutes were approved, Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Councilor Fields 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Fire Report- Report given by Fire Chief Zack Sisk saying they have ended the year on a good note and thanking Cheryl Rees for allowing them to be in the parade, and doing a fundraiser for Firefighter Wayne Holloway. All together they raised \$766.00. Firefighter Wayne Holloway thanked the City for all of the support and donations. Five people have signed up to go through structured fire in January, there will five more certified added to the team. They had a medical call on 12/12/22 that did not end well. Chief Sisk says that he is excited to get back in the game and get started for next month.

Water/Sewer Report- Ben reported that everything has been going smooth lately. He just accepted the invoices for the Sweetbay booster station and the Heritage Villa project. The projects will get started on the 1st quarter. He is in the process of ordering all the parts they need. Ben and Ashley just got their Class B CDL'S. They can now drive the dump truck without the assistance from the street department.

Maintenance Report- Absent

Police Report- Chief Weiss reported that we might have to reroute the parade line up for next year if it continues to grow. On December 8th the police department participated in Cops Kids and Christmas in Columbus, Ga where the police sets aside funds for children and families who need assistance around this time. They met at the civic center and took a child to Walmart to shop for himself and his family. Family connections provided gifts this year and Chief Weiss delivered a gift basket to a family that has requested assistance. There are extra gifts stationed at the Hamilton Police Department for boys and girls. On December 5th the Hamilton Police Department and Georgia State trooper conducted a child safety seat enforcement detail at Park Elementary. There were several complaints from the school of children not being secured in their seats. Georgia State Patrol donated child seats and there are two left at the Hamilton Police Department. There were four other seats given to Focus. Chief Weiss Commended Sargent Walden's hard work for investigating a burglary that occurred in October 2022. Chief Weiss presented Officer Tony Newton with the Save a life award. Chief thanked all of his officers for their due diligence.

Budget for 2023 was approved. Councilor Allen made a motion, Councilor Howard 2nd. vote was unanimous. Amend Budget for 2022 to add line item was approved. Councilor Howard made a motion, Council Allen 2nd, vote was unanimous.

Street Lights- Councilor Fields reported that two people have contacted him about the bus stops at Sweetbay and Foggy Cedar and that there needs to be more lighting for the children for safety reasons. Councilor Allen wants to contact the school to see where all of the bus stops are, and what time the kids have to be at the stops. Councilor Howard wants to address getting a crosswalk for the kids. No decision was made.

Cheryl Rees thanked the city for inviting her to the Thanksgiving luncheon, and gifting her with a plaque. She also thanked us for our participation with the Mistletoe Market and the Christmas Parade. Cheryl would like to address participants of next year's parade to not throw candy to the bystanders.

Patricia Holloway was in the city limits for over 32 years, she said that the City of Hamilton has been growing and she congratulated Mayor Farley, and the council members on their job well done. She explained that she sees

students walking from the high school to Hamilton in tall grass. She suggested that we get a sidewalk. Buddy Walker decided that we could keep the grass mowed on the city side more frequently.

Virginia Holloway says that she thinks the whole city council and the clerks have done a good job.

Adjourn

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Alvin Howard

Councilor Greg Allen

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

Councilor William Fields