

City of Hamilton  
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Mayor Ransom Farley  
**January 10, 2022 Minutes**

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

Approval of December 12, 2022 minutes were approved, Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Councilor Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

**Police Report-** On December 20th there was a fatal vehicle accident that happen on Highway 27, that investigation was turned over to Ga State Patrol. Harris County Grand Juror indicted 2 suspects in the burglary on Mountainview Rd. and Young Lane area. He wants to congratulate Sgt. Walden on hours spent on the case. 2022 Yearly Report of Hamilton Police will be completed in the next two weeks.

**Fire Report –** Chief Sisk would like to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing the Volunteer Fire Dept for using the council chambers for their Christmas Party. Several calls for service and a few medical calls, want to thank Sgt. Walden also being first on the scene. Fire on Barnes Mill Rd., it was an abandoned cabin. They were able to sustain the flames. Chief Sisk let us know he was stepping down from chief to sergeant, that our new chief is Justin Oliver. We welcome you, Justin Oliver. Justin Oliver would like to thank the City of Hamilton for giving him the opportunity.

**Water Report-** City made it through the freeze. There was a freeze and flood at the wastewater plant. Dump truck will be going to shop after they dump the sludge. Projects with Sweetbay booster station have not quit started yet. Heritage will start this week or next on lift station. They have ordered a new sampler for the wastewater plant. There was a mix up at the landfill-results came back over the limit for hazardous waste called MEK, which is a kind of acetone. But it was corrected.

**Maintenance Report –** Terrance is maintaining the streets so they will be ready when spring comes. There are piles at the entrance and exit. Sweetbay HOA will take care it.

Buddy Walker reported the financial condition for Fiscal Year 2022. Everything came under budget. The City of Hamilton is solvent. We ending the year with what we started out with. Anyone wanting to see the Financial State that was submitted to council is at city hall.

City Employees received a 6% raise increase effective first check in January, any raises throughout the year will be a merit increase.

The City appointed Tonia Crittenden as the City Clerk, Councilor Howard made the motion to reappoint Tonia as the City Clerk, Councilor Whearley has 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

The City appointed Morris and Waters as the auditor for the city. Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Councilor Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

The City appointed Wadkins and Wallace as the city attorney with same terms, Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Councilor Whearley 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

Planning and Zoning has agreed Lee Sallas, Julie Brown, and Rick Knight will stay on for 3 years. Virginia Mann and Virginia Holloway will stay for 2 years term. Councilor Fields will oversee Planning and Zoning Dept. Councilor Whearley made the motion to approve, Councilor Fields 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote unanimous.

The City of Hamilton appointed Justin Oliver as the new Fire Chief. Councilor Howard made motion to approve, Councilor Fields 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote unanimous.

The City of Hamilton appointed Eric Weiss as the police chief. Councilor made the motion to reappoint Eric Weiss as Chief, Councilor Fields 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote unanimous.

The City of Hamilton will not point an engineer at this time.

**FYI:** Bid opening was held for Young Lane project. Over budget. Still working on it.

**FYI:** The City has ordered a new Fire Engine. Current delivery date is late in 2023.

**FYI: Martin Luther King Parade Jan 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**

Citizen Comments by Patricia Holloway thanking the Mayor, Council, and every dept. on a great job we're doing with the city.

Final comments-Mayor Farley stated every department head will stay with their department.

Councilor Allen had concerns about heat/air conditions for the citizens who work at the Circle K, and for those who come in.

Councilor Fields made a suggestion to live stream our meetings. No action taken. Just discussed.

Councilor Whearley mentions the lights for the Post Office. Due to lights on walking trail we are unable to do anything at this time. DOT is working on a solution.

No Executive Session

Adjourn

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Mayor Ransom Farley

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Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

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Councilor Alvin Howard

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Councilor Greg Allen

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City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

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Councilor William Fields