

City of Hamilton
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MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

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

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

Fire Report: Chief Sisk reported vehicle fire on Graddick Rd. Few medical calls. A guy OD but he was saved. Middle School alarm has slowed down. Looking to do in house training to get our guys certified for the state.

Maintenance Report: Supr. Mahone reported the limb pickup is getting better. He also reported they have installed a bike rack at the square. Big limb broke out over the road on 27, had to remove limb. Patrick commented to congratulate Terrence on how the Square looked all summer. During prom he has never seen so many kids taking picture on the square. Good Job Terrence!

Police Report: Chief Weiss absent, Councilor Howard gave his report, received 81 calls for service, 77 traffic stops, 173 school zone notice. Heritage Villas apartment caught on fire. They were able to get fire out. Soon after we received notice he passed. We want to send condolences to his family. Harris County Sheriff department received a call about active shooter, Hamilton Police Dept assisted the HC Sheriff office working through the investigation. Officer Haynes and Officer McGhee will be attending active shooter course in Forsyth Ga. In October.

Water/Sewer Report: Ben reported that Ashley and he will be attending class to obtain water license, in October (Helen Ga.) and November (Jekyll Island Ga.). \$650.00 per class. High school lift station is complete. There are 2 pumps no longer in the station, Ben reached out to Pro Pumps to trade and they would waive the labor portion of the maintenance contract, which cost is usually around \$4000.00. Mayor Farley made the motion to trade the pumps for the decrease in cost of maintenance and Councilor Whearley 2nd. Vote unanimous.

City of Hamilton approved the (**LOST**) Local Option Sales Tax for the next 10 years between the counties at +1.00 6.60 with 4.7% increase with total 32%. Councilor Howard made the motion and Councilor Whearley 2nd. Vote unanimous. This is a tentative agreement with the County and will be presented to them.

Councilor Whearley presented Julie Brown, former Mayor, plaque congratulating her for the many years she has served this City.

Citizen Comment:

Amy Gagel came out to give her concerns about Copeland, Hill, and Fort being used as cut through, people are still blowing through the stop sign. Her suggestion is to put speed bumps down. Because of the distance between the stop sign and the road we are unable to put them down, Mayor Farley suggested that our police officers start giving out tickets instead of warnings.

Adjourn

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Alvin Howard

Councilor Greg Allen

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden