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Mayor Ransom Farley
August 14, 2023 Minutes

Open Session by Mayor Farley
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Farley
Invocation done silently

Approval of July 10, 2023 Minutes were approved, Mayor Pro Tem Whearley made the motion to approve, Mayor Farley 2nd, vote unanimous. Vote 3 for 3 Councilor Howard and Councilor Fields absent.

Fire Report- Chief Oliver reported 15 calls over the last 30 days, 87% fire related 13% Ems related.

Water/Sewer Report- Ben Hood reported they finished work on Park Elementary water towers. No issue at wastewater plant, things are going well.

Maintenance Report- No issues report by Terrence Mahone. With Ben and Ashley's help they were able to lay sod on the bank on one side, put in garden staples, and on the other side they removed the debris that was stopping it up. Work still to be done.

Police Report- Chief Weiss reported they had National Night Out on August 2, special thanks to Sweet Bay HOA for providing the hotdogs, hamburgers and desserts. Sgt. Julie Walden is no longer with the Hamilton Police Dept. We would like to welcome Officer Jeffrey Smith aboard. Officer McGhee was promoted to Seargent. Virginia Holloway is our new court bailiff.

FYI:

New Business: **ELECTION NOTICE**

Election will be November 7, 2023 for two Council seats that begin the term in January of 2024. Mayoral seat is up for the term beginning January 2024. There will also be a Special Election for a Council seat, currently held by Nancy Wall, due to resignation of Councilor Greg Allen. That term will expire January 2026. Qualifying will be August 23 and 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday August 25th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Council qualifying fee is \$18.00 and Mayor qualifying fee is \$36.00. NO ONE can qualify for both elections. Early voting and election day voting will be held at Harris County Elections Office on Carver Circle. The School Board is having an election. Therefore, Hamilton will not bear the full burden of the election.

Short Term Vacation Rental by Planning and Zoning, with 2 minor changes: adjacent properties and grace period of 60 days to come into compliance. Councilor Wall motion that we move forward with Short Term Vacation Rental recommendation by Planning and Zoning, Mayor Farley 2nd the motion. Vote 3 for 0 against.

Intergovernmental Agreement between Harris County and Hamilton for Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services for City's Vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem made motion to continue services and renew with the county, Councilor Wall made 2nd. Vote unanimous. 3 for 3.

Millage Rate- Currently the millage rate is 7.025 mils. City of Hamilton will not be raising at this time. Mayor Pro Tem made the motion to keep it the same, Councilor Wall 2nd the motion. Vote 3 for 3.

Employee's Birthday as a holiday- Councilor Wall stated we give every Full-Time employee their birthday off with pay. To be used within a 2-week period. (7 days before or 7 days after) Part-time would have to work at least 20 hours in order to get 4 hours for their birthday. Councilor Whearley 2nd the motion. Passed 3 to 0.

Holiday pay for part-timers- Mayor Pro Tem Whearley made the motion to go through department head if working on holidays, Councilor Wall 2nd that motion. Vote 3 for 3.

Citizen comments by Virginia Holloway wants to commend the City of Hamilton on a job well done. She sees changes being done from her perspective and she loves it.

Adjourn.

Mayor Ransom Farley

Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Whearley

Councilor Alvin Howard

Councilor Nancy Wall

City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

William Fields