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Mayor Patrick Whearley  
**February 12, 2023 Minutes**

Open session by Mayor Patrick Whearley  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Whearley  
Invocation by Councilor Howard

Approval of January 8, 2024 Minutes were approved, Councilor Allen made the motion to approve, Councilor Wall 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous.

**City Report**- The 4H building was flooded. Wesley Tyus has bought the building on the end of Dogwood Rd., plans to add a restaurant. Young Lane is progressing well.

**Water Report** - Ben Hood reported Hamilton having a lot of water that is affecting them in various ways, cleaning out lines. Ben stated they have some ideas to try and stop these issues from reoccurring. Harris county had a 12inch water mane to bust. We were able to assist in getting them water. Also, one of the high school lift stations is having electrical issues.

**Maintenance Report** – Terrence report everything is good. They tried to light up the Valentine lights and smoke was everywhere. Electrician has been contacted to repair electricity on square.

**Fire Report** – Blake Cooper reported since last meeting we have had 3 structure fire. New truck deliver date has not changed, still looking at 2nd week in April. There are 3 new day-time volunteers we working on signing up. Looking to get with Hamilton Police Dept. to bring on board. One major issue the fire department is having is finding fuel for the trucks. Hamilton has not had diesel in 6 months. We are testing the emergency siren on Saturdays at noon. Congrats to Volunteer Fire Dept. who saved the house fire on HWY 116, which was not in their jurisdictions. Mr. Cooper will report back to council on getting a fuel pump or rent a pump at the fire station.

**Police Report** – Chief Weiss wanted to piggy back on the fire call. Job well done to all of the City of Hamilton workers, even down to Terrence bring road blocks. Chief Weiss has provided council with an annual report. HPD will be adding a new officer on Feb. 28.

### **Old Business**

Everyone should have a copy of the charter. The Mayor and Council will read over and revise the charter. There will be a team formed to 2 council members and 3 outside council. Mr. Wade went over some of the needs of the city. Mayor Whearley made a motion to rebuild the charter and form the committee with 3 non council or 2 council member, Fields 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote unanimous.

## **New Business**

Gloria Boyer from Harris County Chamber of Commerce came out to introduce herself. She does events and tourism. Chamber is located in the blue Victorian building. She wanted to welcome Hamilton and let us know they are the Harris County Chamber for all surrounding cities. The Bike ride on the Man of War Trail will start in Hamilton. Event is called "From the Creek and Back." She wants to team up with Cheryl and do a farmer market on Thurs. afternoon. Also, team up with Goodwill to do a job fair. So go on down to the Chamber of Commerce and check them out.

Software/emails/phones and Sewer Backup funds have been placed on hold until we finalize everything.

Ben Hood and Rhett Wade will be attending Ga Water Professionals in March at Callaway Gardens.

## **Citizen Comments**

Debbie and Mike Omwah came to express the flooding issue that happen to their rental property in Mobley Plantation. There was a covert that was removed 4 years ago. Resident will have to move until this is cleared up. The Omwah work along with New Horizon to provide home for mothers getting to know their kids. They want to see if we are able to help solve the issue. The city will look into the matter.

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