

City of Hamilton  
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Mayor Ransom Farley  
**January 8, 2023 Minutes**

Open session by Mayor Ransom Farley  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Farley  
Invocation by Councilor Howard

Approval of December 11, 2023 minutes. Councilor Wall made a motion to approve the minutes as they are presented. Councilor Field 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

**City Report** – Report given by Rhett Wade, city is looking good. Mr. Wade had 2 pre-construction meetings, one with Forrest at Kenton. Development is looking really good. They brought down their architect, engineer firm. Brian Williams represented for the county. The contractor could not make it. This apartment will consist of 5 building with 48 units. Bedroom 1, 2, and 3, enclosed dumpster sight.

**Fire Report** – Chief Justin reported they had 3 fire calls this year. New fire truck is schedule to be completed on 4/26/24. Hamilton fire department will be conducting a few car fire burns for training. Community is welcome to come out.

**Water Report** – Ben Hood reported things are going well at the water plant. They have auctioned off a couple of assets that aren't in use. Water mane broke right outside the gate at the water plant. They got it fixed.

**Maintenance Report** – Report given by Terrence Mahone, everything in the city is going smooth. They are in the process of getting a new pole barn.

**Police Report** – Chief Weiss let everyone know Officer McGhee's last day was December 29<sup>th</sup>. New officer started today and looking for one more by Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. He also wants to thank Mayor Farley for his leadership and his impact to the city. Congratulated Mayor-elect Whearley, looking forward to working with him.

**Mayor Ransom Farley** stated he can't say the whole time as mayor been good. But, most of the time it was ok and he could deal with it. He really thinks we will not be missed, but he will be missed. He stated he will miss us. He also hopes that he was not so bad as a councilor member, mayor pro-tem, or mayor. Mayor Farley recognized his family. He been wanting the meetings to

look like this for a long time. He hopes they continue to show up. He thanked the fire department and police department for their growth.

Special recognition given to Buddy Walker who retired from the city of Hamilton 23+ years. A plaque was given on his behalf.

Recognizing the Honorable Ransom Farley of Hamilton, Ga. by Mayor elect Patrick Whearley. Patrick calls him a dear great friend and he can call him for anything. "A rising tide lift all ships" you did just that. Ransom really knows about the history of Hamilton than anyone he knows.

Many have come out the show their gratitude and congratulate Mayor Farley on a job well done.

Swearing in of new Mayor of Hamilton, Ga. Patrick Whearley done by Judge Gilson.

Swearing in of 2 council members, Greg Allen and William Fields done by Judge Gilson.

The City appointed:

Tonia Crittenden (City Clerk)

Rhett Wade (Mayoral Assistant)

Morris & Waters (Auditors)

Wadkins & Wallace (Attorneys)

Eric Weiss (Police)

Justin Oliver (Fire)

John Gilson (Municipal Court Judge)

Councilor Wall made the motion to accept and reappoint everyone as followed, Councilor Fields 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote unanimous.

Mayor Patrick Whearley assigns department heads:

Police- William Fields

Water/Sewer- Alvin Howard

Planning & Zoning- Nancy Wall

Streets- Greg Allen

Mayor Pro-Tem was appointed to Alvin Howard.

Planning and Zoning as of January 2024

Lee Sallas, Julie Brown, Rick Knight (Year 2 of 3-year term)

Virgina Mann, Virgina Holloway (Year 2 of 2-year term)

All the councilors would like to say thank you to everyone who came out. Stay involve. Thanked the city for serving our community.

Adjourn

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Mayor Patrick Whearley

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Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Howard

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Councilor Greg Allen

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Councilor Nancy Wall

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City Clerk Tonia Crittenden

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William Fields