

The City of Hamilton
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September 9, 2024

Open session by Mayor Patrick Whearley

Attendees: Mayor Patrick Whearley, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Howard, Councilor Nancy Wall, Councilor William Fields
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Patrick Whearley

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Howard

Approval of August 12th, 2024 minutes. Councilor Fields made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Patrick Whearley seconded. Vote unanimous.

Water/Sewer Report- Ben reported that the dump truck is still in the shop due to the cylinder needing replaced and needing the machine work being done. It should be back in service within 3-4 weeks. He states that this is a 30 year old truck so it's getting hard to replace certain parts. Ben might be getting help from the County to allow them to borrow their dump truck while ours is still getting serviced. There was an 8inch main that cracked at Sweetbay. The subdivision was out of water for a little while, but Ben and Harris County was able to valve the main off. The installation is what caused the crack due to the main being right on top of a storm drain cover. The apartments are making good progress. Most of the water and sewer mains and a fire hydrant have been installed and everything is looking good. Ben has partnered with GRWA Capacity Study to make sure water rates, water supply, and sewage handling capabilities are good for the future. 120 Water is down to 40 unknowns out of 600. Hamilton may be one of the cities to have the lead investigation done by the October deadline.

Streets/Maintenance Report- Terrance reported that he has partnered with Buster Waites with Jordan Electric due to it being a small issue on the square with the lights. The left side is working off of one circuit but it should be two. There should be a fix for now and a fix for the future. He's hoping to have this done before Christmas. Everything else is okay.

Police Report- Chief Weiss reports that they were able to team up with Harris County for two events. One at the Community Center and the other at Calvary Christian School. Several citizens have approached him about future staffing due to the growth. Mr. Wade and Chief Weiss are working together to make progress for future staffing to accommodate the growth. According to Chief Weiss's metrics for operations and calls the Hamilton Police department is 40% higher than the Harris County Sheriff's Office and 200-400% higher than the individual police department's in Harris County.

Fire Report- Chief Oliver was not in attendance due to in house training on our new fire truck engine. Mayor Whearley stated that the new fire truck has arrived and it is outfitted but it is not yet in service.

City Report- Rhett Wade reported that everything is good overall. The fire work permit has been signed and he thanked Harris County Probate Court for helping him out.

Old Business:

Mayor Whearley spoke on the rezoning request by Miche Layman who wants to change her home from R1 to R2 and conduct a group home. We've had two public hearings, council and citizen comments, and it was tabled in August. Mayor Pro tem Howard made a motion to accept the denial from the planning and zoning committee and to not change this home from R1 to R2. Councilor Wall seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

Rhett Wade requested to move \$12,120.00 and amend the budget for the new computer software. \$5,520.000 goes to annual licensing and \$6,600.00 goes to Migration/Configuration services. Councilor Wall made a motion to amend the budget in the amount of \$12,120.00 to cover the cost of the computer software. Councilor Fields seconded. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

Mayor Whearley spoke on the Mileage rate. He stated that the last council meeting they voted 2-1 in favor to not take the rollback. The charter states that you have to majority of council to take action. Mayor Whearley made the motion to not accept the roll back and keep the same mileage rate as before. Councilor Fields seconded. Vote unanimous.

The attorney stated that in the August meeting the charter committee made the official recommendation of the charter and they would like council to review. City attorney proposed that the council have a special called meeting and have a first read of the changes for the charter and then have a second reading at October's meeting and vote on that day. Council agreed. There will be a special called meeting on September 23, 2024 at 6pm for the first reading. The second reading will be during work session at 6pm on October 14, 2024 and the voting will take place at 7pm.

New Business:

The Lyda's were not present. Rhett Wade said that they had questions about ATV/UTV vehicle operations on public roadways and had police force increase inquiries. Mr. Wade suggested that the vehicles are something we need to be aware of in the City. Mr. Wade and Chief Weiss will work together on the ATV/UTV issue. No action was taken.

Ryan Overton asked for helped from the city about an easement. No action was taken. Mayor Whearley stated that the city will be in touch with him to see what they can do.

Councilor Fields made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and passed unanimously.

Mayor Patrick Whearley

Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Howard

Councilor Greg Allen

Councilor Nancy Wall

Deputy City Clerk Aaliyah Brawner

Councilor William Fields