

City of Hamilton
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Mayor Patrick Whearley

March 9, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

Open Session by Mayor Whearley
Pledge led by Mayor Whearley
Invocation by City Manager, Rhett Wade

All members except Councilor Greg Allen, and Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Howard were present.

Councilor Wall made the motion to approve February 9, 2026, minutes. Councilor Fields seconded. Unanimous Vote. Approved.

Dan Janik presented The Hamilton Resilience Project to get an opinion and feedback from the council. Council advised Mr. Janik to get back in touch within two weeks or so in order for the City to work on City Ordinances.

Fire Report- Absent.

Streets/Maintenance- Terrence reported that he noticed a couple of issues on the exterior of City Hall that need to be repaired and painted. So far, he has received 3 quotes and is waiting for one more. He also stated that he has not heard back from the contractor for Walton Street, but he should hear from him sometime this week.

Water/Sewer Report- Ben reported that the 2015 backhoe is currently down. Tidewater equipment came out to look at the vehicle and detected that the DEF system is down, and a part has been ordered for it. Ben attended a leader forum at Callaway Gardens for water utility. EPD did a presentation for fluoride treatment and state requirements. Currently, Hamilton does not put fluoride in the water. Ben asked council what the next steps should be if we should add it or not.

Police Report- Absent.

City Report- Rhett provided a GMA summary to Council that provided details about House Bill's 1116, 225, and 651 that were passed. These bills pertained to tax reform on homestead property taxes and the elimination of school zone cameras. He stated that Hamilton is officially live with GATCS, which is our new property tax software system. The market study analysis is back, and Hamilton continues to look favorable. He also reached out the Harris County Men's Club to partner with the Juneteenth event which will be on Saturday June 13, 2026. Rhett has a meeting with the engineer next week to go over the land study for parking and drainage issues in

Hamilton. He believes he will be able to tell exactly where the remembrance park will be after the meeting.

Old Business- Hamilton has a new seal. There has never been an official Hamilton Seal.

New Business- Councilor Fields discussed the issue with the citizens paying a convenience fee when paying their water bills online. He also expressed concerns about tap pay availability.

FYI/Updates/Housekeeping:

- Georgia Cities Week April 20-25
 - “Under the Magnolias”
 - 2026 Reveal the Seal
 - Business of the Year
- Second Saturdays have no sponsor. Historically they start in April
- Rhett GCCMA Training March 11-13
- Harris County Hotdogs and Homesteads Friday March 27, 2026

Attorney Comments- Attorney Danley reached out to two firms for an ordinance audit regarding the ordinances that have not been codified for the years 2005, 2007, and 2008. Attorney Danley advised council to come to an agreement on how they would like to proceed.

Adjournment- Councilor Wall made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Fields seconded. Unanimous Vote. Approved.

Adjourned.