

**City of Hamilton**  
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**Mayor Patrick Whearley**

April 13, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

Open Session by Mayor Whearley  
Pledge led by Mayor Whearley  
Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Howard

All members except Councilor Greg Allen were present.

Councilor Wall made the motion to approve the minutes for March 9,2026. Councilor Fields seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**Fire Report-** Absent.

**Police Report-** Chief Weiss reported that today it has been five years since Hamilton's new team of officers took over. Since then, procedures and community relationships have grown stronger than ever. Police officers are experiencing a pay compression issue. There are four full-time officers, and five part-time officers within the city. Chief asked council to look over the pay scales across the board due to high competitors for part time officers. Chief spoke with one of Georgia's state senators regarding school zone cameras. They are impressed by how well we run them.

**Streets Maintenance Report-** Terrence reported that they received one quote and is waiting for the other for the asphalt project on Walton Street. There is one ZTR in the shop and it is no longer under warranty. The tulips have been pulled from the square. Sunflowers should be in the ground by next Saturday.

**Water/Sewer Report-** Ben reported that the bucket truck is currently in the shop. Big maintenance was required for the backhoe as well. Well number two has been down for several months now. Champion Wells will be out on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to come out and pull it. Due to a service line being directly on top of the well, Ben would also have to get Georgia power involved. It may be a week or two later before the well is back running. The power should only be off for about 3-4 hours, if longer they have a generator on standby. Ben also spoke on the sprinkler meter charge which is currently \$300.00. It costs more than that for parts, and labor. Ben provided a breakdown of those costs. He is requesting the installation of sprinkler meters to be priced between \$700-\$750.

**City Report-**Rhett reported that the work we are doing with Harris and Gray, which is the park, drainage, and road restructure for parking, is nearly done. Harris County will team with the city in regard to the future parking. Under the Magnolias in part of Georgia's Cities week- is looking to be exciting. Councilor Wall is helping with the FOCUS application. Rhett found some news papers articles for Mac Miller. Callaway Gardens could not find anything. That project in recognizing him is currently at a standstill.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Irrigation Meter Installation Charge-** Mayor Pro Tem Howard made the motion to increase the irrigation meter fee from \$300 to \$750.00. Councilor Wall seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**Proclamation-** Child Abuse Prevention and Safety/ April 24, 2026

**Proclamation-** Hamilton Small Business Week/ May 3-9, 2026- May 9,2026 Small business lending workshop will be held at the Harris County Community Center meeting room from 9am-11am.

**Hamilton Georgia- Purple Heart City-** Councilor Bill Fields & Craig Rowan would like to make Hamilton a Purple Heart City. The American legion post 29 and the VFW are working together. Mayor Pro Tem Howard made the motion to make Hamilton a Purple Heart City. Councilor Fields seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved. A proclamation will be finalized.

**FYI/Updates/Housekeeping:**

- April 20-25 Georgia Cities Week
  - April 22<sup>nd</sup> Business Luncheon
- April 21<sup>st</sup> FOCUS PZ Public Hearing
- April 24<sup>th</sup> "Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Recognitions Event" (Third Annual)
- May 3-9 Small Business Week
  - Free Class for small business owners
  - Airport Open House

**Adjournment-**Councilor Wall made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Fields Seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved.

Adjourned