

City of Hamilton
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Mayor Patrick Whearley

June 8,2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Open session by Mayor Whearley

Pledge led by Mayor Whearley

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Howard

All members were present.

Mayor Pro Tem, Alvin Howard made the motion to approve the minutes for May 11,2026. Councilor Wall seconded. Unanimous Vote. Approved.

Police Report- Chief Weiss reported that Harris County New Horizons presented a certificate to the Hamilton Police Department for their appreciation for the co- responder program for mental health assistance. This program allows officers to provide immediate mental health assistance with the help of New Horizons. HPD attended a Harris County Library literacy event this week. Officer Hassell received his field training officer certificate through Ga Post.

Fire Report- Chief Oliver reported that in the last two months they have had 46 calls. 3 structure calls, 21 alarms, 10 woods/ grass fires, 2 MVA's, 4 trees on the road, and 5 medicals. Most calls were false alarms or very small. There is an annual hose test coming up next month.

Streets Maintenance Report- Terrence reported that he went over the quotes with Rhett for City Hall. They need to go back over one more quote to get further information. Terrence made the council aware of someone dumping a truck load of limbs on city property.

Water/Sewer Report- Ben reported that well number two has still been down. They are scheduled to have it back online on Wednesday of this week. The EPD came out and did a site inspection for the placement of the new well. They do not see an issue with the fire department's location for the well. Currently, they are awaiting approval of paperwork and working with the County. There is a massive fiber cable line coming through Hamilton next year. Ben and Ashley have placed locators all throughout the city to prevent damage

underground. The company should be here on June 15th. No traffic or service issues are anticipated.

City Report- City Manager, Rhett Wade gave a special thanks to Barry Brown and Terrence Mahone for their hard work and dedication for the flowers on the square and the flowers at City Hall. BRAG was a massive success. There were about 400-600 cyclists that stopped in Hamilton. Governor Kemp issued a proclamation for a special session of the Georgia General Assembly on May 13, 2026. He then added local property referendums to the proclamation last Wednesday. This allows local and county government to entertain LHOST or FLOST. We have a parcel of land in Hamilton that's billing address is City Hall. It appears an estate decided to give it to the city. Rhett is working on this to figure out where it stands.

Old Business: Mayor Whearley advised council to come prepared for July's meeting in hopes of starting to rectify the non-codified zoning ordinances for Hamilton.

New Business: Open council seat as of May 27, 2026. Councilman William "Bill" Fields resigned, effective immediately. Mayor Whearley made the motion to appoint Ransom Farley until the special election is held on November 3, 2026. Councilor Allen seconded. Unanimous Vote. Approved.

Qualifying will be held at Hamilton City Hall on August 4-6, 2026, 8:15AM-4:45 PM daily.

FYI/Updates/Housekeeping:

- June 13- Second Saturday's Relaunch & Hamilton Juneteenth on the Square- HC Juneteenth at the Community Center
- June 19- Juneteenth Observed- City Closure
- July- Harris County Parking lot & Hamilton resurface of Walton Street
- July 3rd- Movie Night on the square/ City Closure

Adjournment- Councilor Allen made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Howard seconded. Unanimous Vote. Approved.

Adjourned