

**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
210 WALTON STREET  
P.O. BOX 112  
HAMILTON, GEORGIA 31811  
**MAYOR PATRICK WHEARLEY**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 Council Agenda**

**Open Council Session:** Mayor Patrick Whearley

- Pledge and Invocation

**Approve/Disapprove minutes**

- July 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Department Reports:**

Police Department  
Fire Department Report  
Water/Sewer Report  
City Report

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

Financial Reporting

- Presentation of annual audit

Approval of the tentative 2026 millage rate of 7.025

- Structure the public hearings
  - 7.025 is the same as last year
  - Rollback is 7.001

**FYI/Updates/Housekeeping:**

- August 18<sup>th</sup> PZ has First Hearing Rezone
  - September Council Regular Session will be Second Hearing
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> Grand Opening of Tiger Lillies
- Holiday September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Dental
  - Free dental service for Military, Veterans and First Responders

**Council Comments:**

- Councilor Wall
- Councilor Farley
- Councilor Allen
- Mayor Patrick Whearley

**Adjournment:**

**City of Hamilton**  
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Hamilton, Georgia 31811  
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**Mayor Patrick Whearley**

August 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Councilor Wall made the motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2026. Councilor Farley seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved.

**Police Report-** Chief Weiss reported that the Police Department had recently responded to a traffic accident on Highway 116, which had been cleared prior to the meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the coordinated response and effective assistance provided by both the Police and Fire Departments. With school back in session, traffic has increased, but the department has been managing school traffic well with no reported accidents. Chief Weiss stated that it has been a great month and looks forward to the month ahead.

**Water/Sewer Report-** Ben reported that annual lift station maintenance is currently being completed with Pro Pump Solutions. Several pumps at the wastewater treatment plant are being replaced, and approximately three to five lift station pumps are being rebuilt. Ben also reported that the five-year EPD inspection of the wastewater treatment plant was recently completed. The inspection resulted in 12 minor deficiencies, none of which were considered serious. Ben has already corrected 11 of the deficiencies and expects to have the remaining item corrected before the City receives the official follow-up letter or email. Ben further reported that several water systems in Georgia, including Columbus Water Works and Harris County Water Works, were recently impacted by cyberattacks that disrupted SCADA systems. Hamilton was not affected. Ben stated that procedures are in place should the City ever experience a similar cybersecurity incident.

**City Report-** City Manager Rhett Wade congratulated Councilor Farley and welcomed him back. He reported that Second Saturday continues to be successful, with approximately 1,500 participants attending the most recent event. Rhett is continuing to evaluate the best use of the square, particularly regarding parking needs. He also reported that the City received three plaques during the Purple Heart Ceremony. Rhett stated that he is working to identify available resources and obtain clarification regarding eligible uses for the City's trail grant funds. The Harris County Courthouse parking lot project is scheduled to begin Phase I on September 22, 2026. The project will consist of three phases and is expected to include temporary road closures. Rhett reported that GDOT temporarily suspended the school zone cameras for approximately two weeks before school resumed. After additional information was received regarding the new law governing the cameras, the suspension was withdrawn and the cameras were reactivated. City Administration is contacting the local marching band and JROTC to determine their availability to participate in the upcoming Christmas Parade. The City recently completed a visual inspection of its water towers, and all towers were reported to be in good condition. Rhett also reported that the therapy clinic is scheduled to open on September 1, 2026. Finally, he stated that the City Attorney will not be renewing the City's contract for 2027.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**New Business:**

Financial Reporting- Presentation of annual audit.

Approval of the tentative 2026 Millage rate of 7.025/ Structure the public hearing/ rollback is 7.001.

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**Adjournment:**

Councilor Wall made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Farley seconded. Unanimous vote. Approved.

Adjourned