CITY OF HAMILTON
210 WALTON STREET
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HAMILTON, GEORGIA 31811
MAYOR PATRICK WHEARLEY
October 12th 2026
Council Agenda Regular Session
7:00 PM

Opening : Mayor Patrick Whearley
- Pledge and Invocation

Approval of the minutes:
- September 14th 2026

Department Reports:
Police Department
Streets/Maintenance Report
Fire Department Report
Water/Sewer Report
City Report

Old Business:
- None
- Attorney Comments

New Business:
- Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative
  - Letter of Intent
    - Greg Panzer, Director, Harris County Economic Development
- Planning and Zoning
  - New appointee for Keith Hammond
- Hall Booth Smith, City Attorney
  - Letter of Engagement
- 2027 Employee Personnel Handbook

FYI/Updates/Housekeeping:
- Thursday and Friday, October 15th-16th
  - Rhett out of office
- Tuesday, October 20th 6:00 PM
  - Planning and Zoning
- Thursday, October 22nd 5:00 PM
  - Hamilton/Harris County *"Truck and Treat"*
- Tuesday, October 27th 11-1 PM
  - GMA District 8 Fall Meeting
    - Buena Vista
- Friday, October 30th
  - Deadline for applications, Police Chief
- Tuesday, November 3rd
  - Election Day

Council Comments:
- Councilor Wall
- Councilor Farley
- Councilor Allen

- Mayor Pro Tem Howard
- Mayor Patrick Whearley

Adjournment:

City of Hamilton

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Mayor Patrick Whearley

October 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Open session by Mayor Whearley
Pledge led by Mayor Whearley
Invocation by Mayor Pro-Tem Alvin Howard

Members present- Mayor Patrick Whearley, Mayor Pro-Tem, Alvin Howard, Councilor Ransom Farley, & Councilor Nancy Wall
Members absent- Councilor Greg Allen

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Mayor Pro Tem, Alvin Howard made a motion to approve September 14, 2026, minutes with any necessary corrections if there be any. Councilor Farley seconded. All in favor. Approved.

Department Reports:

Police Department- Chief Weiss reported that this is his last meeting counting the 68th meeting since he's been here. A new opportunity has presented itself. He thanked the mayor, council, and employees of the city. He stated that this is a good foundation to build and grow on.

Streets/Maintenance Report-Absent

Fire Department Report- Chief Oliver reported that there is nothing new going on. He has been working on past invoices with Rhett with Ten-8 Fire. This year's fire calls are up by 15%. They have been participating in more fundraising events.

Water/Sewer Report-Absent

- **City Report-** Budget and Calendar Setting
  - Special Projects, goals, concerns, New Years resolutions
- CEDS-Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy-RVRC Leader
  - Commissioner Rob Grant chairs this committee
    - Trails and Agritourism
  - Farmers market-Produce and Meat (December/January timeframe)
    - Repurposed Ice Cream freezers
- Train Issue [1950(s) 1 dollar a year] Phone conversation with Ricky Hood from 2017
- Tax Bills Wednesday-Should rival the county by next year
  - Legacy vs New {Divco/GA TCS} County changes
  - Online bill pay is in BETA
- ARPA completed (3 years)
- Parking Lot
  - Field Level
  - Barnes Mill Road
  - Court of Appeals
    - Digested Probate for this month (DONE)

- Kelly Loefler/Brian Jack
- ADA Compliance for chambers

Old Business:

- None
- Attorney Comments- Attorney Danley reported that there are two potential replacements for a new attorney. She suggested that we move attorney comments into old business so that it will formalize the mechanisms on how the attorney will respond to council.

New Business:

- Georgia Economic Placemaking Collaborative
    - Letter of Intent
        - Greg Panzer, Director, Harris County Economic Development

      Councilor Wall made a motion for council to submit the letter of intent to participate. Mayor Pro Tem, Howard seconded. All in favor. Approved.

- Planning and Zoning
    - New appointee for Keith Hammond

      Councilor Wall made a motion to appoint Mike Arensault to take position on the planning and zoning commission. Mayor Pro Tem, Howard seconded. All in favor. Approved.

- Hall Booth Smith, City Attorney
    - Letter of Engagement

  Councilor Wall made the motion to permit the City Manager, Rhett Wade, on behalf of the city to reach out to Hall Booth & Smith to provide a letter of engagement to the City. Mayor Pro Tem, Howard seconded. All in favor. Approved.

- 2027 Employee Personnel Handbook- Classes are defined
    - Recognizes Department Policy, Continuity Planning, Charter and your authority
        - Job descriptions at your authority
        - Holidays are updated with birthdays as a float
        - Allows administrative payment of vacay with stipulations for denial
    - 4 weeks vacay at 7 years
        - Instant vacay which assists in the Mayor's directive for 1 Jan and adds a competitive edge

  Mayor Pro Tem, Howard made a motion to adopt the 2027 employee handbook with the ability to make changes and upgrades to it. Councilor Farley seconded. All in favor. Approved.

Adjournment: Councilor Wall made the motion to adjourn. Councilor Farley seconded. All in favor. Approved.

Adjourned