

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS
JULY 14, 2022**

A regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 14th day of July, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, 200 East Main St, Hamilton, Texas.

The City Council meeting was open to the public. To allow for remote participation, people could view and listen to the meeting live via Zoom. Citizens could also provide a citizen's presentation and address the council via Zoom connection. Instructions were given during the meeting about how to address the Council. Sign in prior to the meeting was provided through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ukjpw2h8>

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Rodney Craddick	Council Member Doug Baker
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan	Council Member George Beard
City Administrator Ryan Polster	Council Member Richard Buchanan
City Secretary Brooke Tomlinson	Council Member Gary Haggard
City Attorney Connie White	

Others present: Police Chief Brad Boulton, Danny Watson Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief, Jamie Laduke Hamilton Economic Development, Kayla Schraub Hamilton Main Street, Nancy Yates, Cindy M Mehaffey, Josh E Mehaffey, James Zschiesche, Cody Laduke, Pris Woodrich, Kelly Kuhl, Morgan Miller, Bradley Haile, Ashley Adams, Anita Russelmaun, Jim Eidson, Siritta Khim, Amy Cowan

Item No. I: Mayor Craddick opened the meeting with a Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. III: Public Hearing.

Mayor Craddick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. for citizen comments on the Amendment to Code of Ordinances Appendix B Zoning Sec. VII: - Zoning Districts; Purpose, Uses, and Conformance to Comprehensive Plan, Hamilton Square Overlay. Nancy Yates spoke, expressing that this Amendment places more restrictions on the City Square that is bad for small businesses and reduces entrepreneurial enterprises. Nancy presented a packet of the Zoning Ordinance that includes what kinds of businesses on the square will be prohibited if this Amendment is approved, which is not good for the property owner and not good for the city. Jim Eidson stated that approving this Amendment will reduce property value and creates a threat of this city becoming a ghost town. Jim urged the council to reinstate all special uses and in addition add non-restaurants alcohol sales as special use. Josh Mehaffey agreed with Nancy and Jim, stating that we have to have less regulation to allow people that are moving here to buy these buildings and put something in that is going to attract people. Josh said that other towns are "kicking our butt" in the tourist business. Anita Russelmaun stated that the purpose of zoning is not to regulate market demand. The more people that are drawn to the downtown area for more activities is better for everybody. Siritta Khim stated that when she purchased property in Hamilton, she wanted to enrich the community, however, the Overlay has put a burden on property owners trying to improve and revitalize their buildings. Jordan made a Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. with a second from Buchanan.

Item No. II: Public Comments. None.

Item No. IV: The following agenda deliberations were discussed and/or action taken:

1. Haggard made a Motion to approve the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Beard and passed unanimously.
2. Jordan made a Motion to approve the June 2022 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Baker and passed unanimously.
3. Danny Watson presented the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department report. No action was taken.
4. Ordinance #03-22, amending Appendix B Zoning Section VII: - Zoning Districts: Purpose, Uses, and Conformance to Comprehensive Plan. Adopting 10. HS: Hamilton Square Overlay; Providing a Severability Clause and Providing a Repealer Clause. Jordan moved this item to the beginning of the agenda. Baker made a Motion that this item be tabled until the Amendment can be re-written. The Motion was seconded by Haggard and passed unanimously.
5. Ordinance for disannexing 826 R Trainer; Acres: 1.44 being two (2) tracts of land out of the Richard Trainer Survey, A- 826 from the city of Hamilton, Texas did not pass. Haggard made a Motion to deny the Ordinance, seconded by Baker, and passed unanimously.
6. Resolution #23-22, authorizing the Appointments to the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Haggard.
7. Approving the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation Quarterly Financials and Related Reports as presented by Jamie Laduke, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Buchanan.
8. Resolution #22-22, authorizing the City of Hamilton Economic Development Corporation to Expend Funds for Rodeo Arena Lighting Upgrades as Infrastructure Improvements to the City Fair Park Complex, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Beard.
9. Resolution #24-22, authorizing the Appointment of Ashley Adams to the City of Hamilton Historic Main Street Advisory Board, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Jordan.
10. Approving Hamilton Main Street Program Memorandum of Understanding October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Baker. Kayla Schraub presented Main Street Program information.
11. Resolution #25-22, permitting Utility Connection outside City Limits for Kelly Kuhl and Morgan Miller, requesting water service at the corner lot of HWY 22 and CR 300 (146 CR 300), passed unanimously with a Motion from Haggard and a second from Baker.
12. Resolution #26-22, authorizing the appointments to the Hamilton Park and Recreation Advisory Board, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Haggard.

13. Haggard Made a Motion to Approve the Advertising of a Request for Proposal (RFP) 22-02; Land lease of Airport Property for soil conservation. The Motion was seconded by Jordan and Passed Unanimously.
14. Resolution #27-22, directing an Expenditure from the Court Technology Fund, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Haggard.
15. Ordinance #04-22, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Baker.
16. Resolution #28-22, reappointing Connie White as City Attorney, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Haggard.
17. Submitting an application to Host a Hazardous Waste Cleanup for the Central Texas Council of Governments Region, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Beard.
18. Polster Introduced the proposed 2022-2023 City Budget. No action was taken during this workshop.
19. Resolution #29-22, authorizing the appointment of David Rodriguez to the City of Hamilton Planning and Zoning Commission, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Buchanan.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report:

Mayor Craddick presented the Community Center Report
Brad Boulton presented the Police Report to include animal control
Polster gave updates for grants and improvements
Budget Workshop dates were set for July 21 and August 2

Item No. IV: Future Agenda Items.

Beard stated we are needing to review the water rates for outside city limits. Jordan stated that we need a map to show where each water valve is for public works to utilize for future leaks.

Item No. V: Mayor Craddick adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Rodney Craddick, Mayor

Brooke Tomlinson, City Secretary