

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
CITY OF HAMILTON, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

A regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Hamilton, Texas was held on the 9th day of February, 2023 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 or Facebook. 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. Citizens could sign in prior to the meeting date from their computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://tinyurl.com/34rhcf8>

Present for the meeting:

Mayor Rodney Craddick  
Mayor Pro Tem Todd Jordan  
City Administrator Ryan Polster  
City Secretary Brooke Tomlinson  
City Attorney Connie White

Council Member Doug Baker  
Council Member George Beard  
Council Member Richard Buchanan  
Council Member Gary Haggard

Others present: Chief of Police Brad Boulton, Hamilton Economic Development Jamie Laduke, Hamilton Historic Mainstreet Kayla Schraub, Public Works Director Clay Boatwright, Public Utilities Director Jeffrey Donahoo, Lawrence Jonap, Jamie Fry, Maria Weaver, Darrel Phillips, Michael Buckel, Hunter Creasey, Russel Fail, Justin Caraway, Becky Melde, Victor Scott, Mike Morris, Breanna Bullard, Komer Ford, Ashley Fry, Aria Fry, Keira Fry, Carla Slough, Johnnie Slough

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

**Item No. II:** Public Comments.

Victor Scott spoke about his property, asking the City of Hamilton to protect it and bring it up to code.

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

1. Beard made a Motion to approve the January 12th Regular Council Meeting Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Baker and passed unanimously.
2. Jordan made a Motion to approve the January 2023 Financial Report. The Motion was seconded by Buchanan and passed unanimously.

3. Danny Watson presented the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department report. A donation check from Cloud Climbers was presented to the fire department. Watson asked about grants to replace fire hydrants. No action was taken.
4. Resolution #06-23, Authorizing Appointment of Ashley Fry to Municipal Court Clerk Position for 16 months, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Jordan.
5. Resolution #07-23, Authorizing Appointment of Johnny Slough to the Municipal Judge Position for 16 months, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Haggard.
6. Approving Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Financial Reports for Hotel Occupancy Tax and Activity Reports which benefit the City of Hamilton, presented by Hunter Creasey, passed unanimously with a Motion from Beard and a second from Jordan.
7. Resolution #08-23, Approving changes to Financial Institution Signature Cards to include removing Beccy Rowe and adding Ashley Fry, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Buchanan.
8. Resolution #09-23, Rescheduling the April 13, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting to April 6, 2023, passed unanimously with a Motion from Haggard and a second from Baker.
9. Resolution #10-23, Awarding a Construction Contract for moving and protecting the City of Hamilton's 14-inch main water line along SH-36 for Highway Expansion, presented by Michael Buckel of KSA. Buchanan made a Motion, and Baker seconded the Motion. The Motion was Amended to select the use of ductile iron pipe, Baker seconding the Motion, which passed with a 4 to 1 vote, Jordan opposing.
10. Resolution #11-23, Authorizing road closure time extension for events at the Grain Drafthouse and Eatery on a portion of S Bell St. from HWY 36 to Leslie St., passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Beard.
11. Ordinance #01-23, Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget, passed unanimously with a Motion from Baker and a second from Haggard.
12. Resolution #12-23, Nominating and Approving Norman Horner and Jeff Sweeten as members to the Planning and Zoning Commission, including a two-year term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, passed unanimously with a Motion from Buchanan and a second from Jordan.
13. Reviewing and Providing feedback on advanced draft of the Street Maintenance and Improvement Plan, presented by Russel Fail. No action was taken.
14. Resolution #13-23, Selecting Don Jackson Construction Inc. for management of the construction of hangars and associated pavement at the Hamilton Municipal Airport, presented by Darrell Phillips, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Baker.

15. Resolution #14-23, Purchasing rifle resistant body armor, via a grant award through the Office of the Governor and the Central Texas Council of Governments, passed unanimously with a Motion from Jordan and a second from Beard.
16. Resolution #15-23, Applying for a Justice Assistance Grant through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, and Criminal Justice Division, to purchase equipment for the Hamilton Police Department, passed unanimously with a Motion from Beard and a second from Haggard.

Ryan Polster presented the City Administrator's Report.

Mayor Craddick presented the Community Center Report. Texas Cloud Climbers presented a donation check for the Community Center.

Chief Boulton presented the January 2023 Police Report.

Polster stated the upcoming event for Beccy Rowe and Judge Mills to be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Polster stated the upcoming event for the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup to be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 beginning at 9:00 am.

Polster presented projects updates.

Polster presented the increase in solid waste fees that will take place on the March 1<sup>st</sup> billing.

**Item No. IV:** Future Agenda Items.

Future plans for a committee of grant writers.

**Item No. V:** Mayor Craddick adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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Rodney Craddick, Mayor

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Brooke Tomlinson, City Secretary