

Town of Hamilton Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

6:45 pm at TOWN HALL/ SLIPPER HOUSE

1. Mayor Mandy Bates called the meeting to order at 6:48pm November 12, 2024

Present: Mayor Mandy Bates, Andrea Adams, Tim Morrison, Karin Vail, Mike Ulrich, Theresa Boots, Alyssa Ammons, Si Adams, Scott Bates, and Kym Eldridge

2024 Budget Amendment, Ordinance # 375 was discussed.

Mayor Mandy Bates called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of October 8, 2024 minutes: Alyssa A. made a motion to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- B) Approval of October 22, 2024 Workshop Minutes: Alyssa A. made the motion to approve the October 22, 2024 Workshop minutes. Mike U. second the motion. All in favor
- C) Approval of the October 2024 Checks/Vouchers: Andrea A. made a motion to approve the October 2024 Checks/Vouchers. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor
- D) Approval of October 2024 Bank Rec: Mike U. made a motion to approve the October reconciliation. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- E) Approval of the October 2024 Bills to pay. Alyssa A. made the motion to approve the Bills to be paid. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Alyssa A. made the motion to approve Ordinance #375 to amend the 2024 Budget. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor
- B) Karin V. made the motion to approve the 2025 Budget at the December 10, 2024 Council meeting. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- C) Mike U. made the motion to approve the levy request of 1%. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- D) EJ Municipal wasn't here yet.
- E) Alyssa A. made the motion to approve the amendment of the 2023-2025 Hamilton Climate Planning Grant Agreement. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- F) Harry Smith was here to ask the Council to revoke his disciplinary infraction from prior administration. Chief Bates asked the Council to approve Harry Smith's request regarding the 2021 incident and remove it from his record. Andrea A. made the motion to remove

- the incident from Harry Smith's record due to lack of documentation. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor
- G) Citizen Action Request A: Mike U. made the motion to a letter stating dogs must be on a leash when outside, or some type of suitable containment, and signs stating beware of dogs. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor
- H) Citizen Action Request B: L. Stevens was here to discuss with Council. The Council asked for a letter to be sent to the dividing property owner.
- I) Citizen Action Request C: C. Dibble was here to discuss with Council. The Council asked for a letter to be sent to owners of pigs and that any property damage is a civil matter.
- J) Citizen Action Request D: D. O'Neal was here to discuss neighbor issue with the Council. Alyssa A. made the motion to send a letter pertaining to excessive dog barking, Permit for an RV, the possibility of people living in a shed, and an large compost not in a receptacle. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- K) Citizen Action Request E: Mr. Johnson's family was here to discuss their brother asking for help with services for him. They were concerned with his living arrangements that he chooses and a septic issue. The Council asked the Clerk to see what could be done.
- As of November 13, 2024 Mr. Johnson's family has called APS and Helping Hands has been contacted. The Town Clerk and Mayor tried to discuss these matters with Mr. Johnson to no avail.
- L) Alyssa A. made the motion to add Christmas Eve as a paid holiday to be added to the Employees Handbook. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- M) Andrea A. made a motion to send information of the oversized shed home to the lawyer. Mike U. second the motion. All in favor.
- N) Alyssa A. made the motion to contract with John Carlson, a mobile mechanic. Mike U. second the motion. All in favor
- O) Andrea A. made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with EMS. Mike U. second the motion. All in favor
- P) Alyssa A. made a motion to renew A. Walkers FEMA Lot request. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor

5. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was opened at 8:23PM for the Open Public Meeting.
Asher Schoepflin from EJ Municipal was here to explain the CWPP
(County Wide Planning Policies)
The meeting was closed at 8:27

Alyssa A. made the motion to approve Resolution 24-03, the CWPP pertaining to updating policies and House
Bill 12-20 & 11-81 Housing Plan for Climate. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor

6. CONTINUED BUISNESS:

- a. Tim M. made the motion to accept the bid from Handy's Heating for the heater replacement at the Fire Hall and added to remove the thermostats is new ones aren't needed. Mike U. seconds the motion. All in favor

- b. Alyssa A. made the motion to put the Harris dog matter to the December 10th Council meeting asking for pictures. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- c. An update on the rooster matter will be presented to the Council at the December 10th meeting.
- d. An update on R. Johnson's yard will be presented to the Council at the December 10th meeting.

7) COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A) Water Report. 7% Water Loss

Street/Public: 34 new X-large sandbags have been prepared and placed on the west end of Maple Street.

Fire Report: Chief Bates told the Council he is back from his medical leave and plans for a training event on November 24th. Chief Bates talks about the Thanksgiving/Veterans Day dinner at the Church on November 16. He also advises on a wind storm predicted for November 19th.

- It was made mention that Chief Bates, as of November 8, 2024, that he has been a member of the Fire Department for 33 years 😊

Alyssa A. made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43pm
 Andrea A. second the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm

Date 12/10/2024

Mayor Mandy Bates
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Andrea Adams Andrea Adams

Clerk Kym Eldridge
 Kym Eldridge

Alyssa Ammons Alyssa Ammons

Mike Ulrich Mike Ulrich

Tim Morrison _____

Karin Vail Karin Vail via Zoom

**Town of Hamilton
Council
Special Meeting
Minutes
December 4, 2024
6:30 pm at TOWN HALL/ SLIPPER HOUSE**

1. Mayor Mandy Bates called the SPECIAL meeting to order at 6:34pm on December 4, 2024.

Present: Mayor Mandy Bates, Karin Vail, Mike Ulrich,
and Kym Eldridge

Via Teams Meeting: Andrea Adams, Alyssa Ammons, and Tim Morrison

RE: Retracking vote on code compliance matter

Mayor Mandy Bates called the SPECIAL meeting to order at 6.34pm.

No Public Comment

The Town of Hamilton Town Council was asked by the Town's Building Code official to **retrack** their decision to send the matter of the oversized shed/home on the property of 584 Elm Street to the Town's lawyer.

Mike U. made the motion to retrack the vote of sending shed/house matter to the lawyer. Karin V. second the motion. All in favor

Andrea A. made the motion to appoint Tony Niskanen, the Town's Building Code Official to handle to shed/house located at 584 Elm Street Hamilton WA 98255. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor

Karin V. made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor