

Town of Hamilton Council Meeting

Minutes

December 10, 2024

6:30 pm at TOWN HALL/ SLIPPER HOUSE

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

1. Mayor Mandy Bates called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:38pm December 10, 2024

Present: Mayor Mandy Bates, Andrea Adams, Tim Morrison, Mike Ulrich, Theresa Boots, Alyssa Ammons, Theresa Boots, Kym Eldridge, and Karin Vail via Team's Meeting Zoom.

Public Hearing Meeting opened for public discussion. Stacey Clear and Jenny Goetz from Grey & Osborne were here to discuss the Water System Plan Update with a recap of the last meeting held in June. The plan has been submitted to the Department of Health. The County has approved the Plan with the Department of Ecology having some recommendations regarding the decommissioning of the old observation well.

The request for Resolutions 24-04 and 24-05 were discussed.

Resolution 24-04 is to accept the Goals & Policies of Consumption and Supply.

The request for Resolution 24-05 is to accept the Water System Plan Update provided by Grey & Osborne.

No Public Comment.

Public Hearing Meeting closed at 6:50pm

Regular Council Meeting

1. Mayor Mandy Bates called the Regular Council meeting to order at 6:51pm December 10, 2024

Present: Mayor Mandy Bates, Andrea Adams, Tim Morrison, Mike Ulrich, Theresa Boots, Alyssa Ammons, Theresa Boots, Kym Eldridge, Si Adams, and Karin Vail Via Team's meeting Zoom.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of the November 12, 2024 minutes: Alyssa A. made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- B) Approval of the December 4, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes: Alyssa A. made the motion to approve the December 4, 2024 SPECIAL Meeting Minutes. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- C) Approval of the November 2024 Checks/Vouchers: Andrea A. made a motion to approve November 2024 Checks/Vouchers. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor
- D) Approval of November 2024 Bank Rec: Alyssa A. made a motion to approve the November reconciliation. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- E) Approval of the Bills to pay. Tim M. made the motion to approve the Bills to be paid. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Asher Schoepflin was here from EJ Municipal to discuss the next steps for the Climate Planning of Parks. The Department of Commerce recommends updating the Hazard Plan for the Town of Hamilton.
Alyssa A. made the motion to approve updating the Hazard Plan for the Town of Hamilton and having a Vulnerability Study done for flood and fire. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- B) Tim M. made the motion to approve the Water Forgiveness for the Lowens in the amount of \$1,362.86. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- C) Tony Niskanen, the Town's Building Inspector was here to talk to the Council about adopting reasonable setbacks in Critical Urban Areas. This is in comparison to Sedro Woolley and Mt. Vernon code.
Alyssa A. made the motion to adopt the new Critical Urban area setbacks in Ordinance #317. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor
- D) Tim M. made the motion to approve Resolution 24-04 for the Water System Update Goals and Policies. Mike U. second the motion. All in favor
- E) Andrea A. made the motion to approve Resolution 24-05 for the Water System Plan Update Final Draft submitted to the Department of Health. Tim M. second the motion. All in favor
- F) Tim M. made the motion to approve Ordinance #376 for the 2025 Budget. Alyssa A. second the motion. All in favor

5. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- a. Alyssa A. made the motion that a letter be sent to Chris Harris thanking him for finishing his fence to keep his dog in. Also to remind him he needs beware of dogs signs and an orange collar for his dog known as King since the dog was deemed Potentially Dangerous by the Council. Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor

- b. B & C are combined matters at the same address. Alyssa A. made the motion to send a certified letter to property owner and tenant stating:
1. Rooster Matter: Daily Fines of \$50.00 per day starting December 11, 2024 until the Rooster is gone.
 2. An RV Permit is required IMMEDIATELY. Out of compliance now.
 3. Two weeks upon receiving this notice, granted to provide proof of septic tank disposal with a receipt. Also providing monthly receipts of septic pumps
 4. Accumulation of excessive hazardous yard debris and dilapidated camp trailers not being cleaned up and removed will result in Daily fines of \$50.00 per day starting December 11, 2024.
- Andrea A. second the motion. All in favor

7) COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A) Water Report. 13% Water Loss.

Street/Public: Public Works has been cleaning up at the end of Cumberland Street
Fire Report: Chief Bates was absent, the Mayor talked about the fire department being in the Sedro Woolley Christmas Parade with the fire truck.

Clerk: The Clerk let the Council know that Aaron Walker brought in a report for the Council to see. Was asked to put on January's Agenda.

Alyssa A. made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:51pm
 Andrea A. second the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 7:51pm

Date 1/14/2025

Mayor Mandy Bates
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Andrea Adams On Zoom

Clerk Kym Eldridge
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Alyssa Ammons Alyssa Ammons

Mike Ulrich Mike Ulrich

Tim Morrison Tim Morrison

Karin Vail Karin Vail