

**Public Hearing
December 13, 2017
City Hall Meeting Room**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Winford Gilliam on December 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Fast, Alderwoman Kavanaugh, Alderman Alexander and Alderman Trosper were present.

Testimony provided City Administrator, Jean Van Iperen, “April 1949 voters passed the annexation of a section of property in which the old motel was included. The vote of the people was 261 to 147. Ordinance 287 was approved by council; but was never certified at the County. In September 195, the council corrected the error with the passage of Ordinance 978.

In neither case did the city specify what category the property was being zoned. I also could not find anything in any Planning and Zoning minutes so it is currently zoned as an A-1 agricultural.

The property owners would like to return the property back to a motel, but are unable to based on the current zoning. They are asking that the property be rezoned to C-1 commercial.

At the Planning and Zoning meeting on November 16, their recommendation to the Board is to grant the rezoning from A-1 to C-1.”

No other testimony was heard.

The City Council will vote on the change at the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:31p.m.

**City Council Meeting
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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Winford Gilliam on December 13, 2017 at 5:32 p.m. Alderman Fast, Alderwoman Kavanaugh, Alderman Alexander and Alderman Trosper answered roll call. City Administrator Jean Van Iperen, City Attorney Robert Cowherd and City Clerk Debra Davis were present.

Alderwoman Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Fast – aye, Kavanaugh – aye, Alexander – aye, and Trosper - aye

Alderwoman Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the bills for November 2017 as presented. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Fast – aye, Alexander– aye, Trosper– aye

Alderwoman Kavanaugh made a motion to approve November 8, 2017 Council Meeting minutes. Alderman Trosper seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Alexander – aye, Fast – aye, Trosper – aye

Public Participation – Mr. Linville inquired about the street project and if Putnam Street was on the list to be done. City Administrator, Jean Van Iperen, advised that Putnam is not one of the streets that was approved for this particular project. The streets that are being done have been discussed at the last four council meetings at which Mr. Linville attended and was well informed.

Police Department –Chief Locke is in training and unable to attend, the City Administrator presented her report for November 2017.

Public Works Dept Report – City Administrator gave the report.

People Service Report – City Administrator presented the monthly report.

City Administrators Report –

- a. Building Repairs – City Halls’ roof is leaking and there is a sewer problem in the basement; both of which will have to be addressed soon.**
- b. Green Hills Regional Planning Commission 50th Anniversary Open House – December 15, 2017 10am-12pm in Trenton, the City Council is invited**
- c. Goose Hunting at Reservoir – Department of Natural Resources has stated they have no jurisdiction over that area and the City of Hamilton can make a decision on hunting at the golf course. Resident Dennis Walker spoke up and said it was agreed by the Council at the time the property was donated to the City, as a condition, there would be no hunting on that property. He further stated there should be an ordinance from around the 1970’s to that effect.**
- d. Water Lines – Lance Rains with CDBG Green Hills Regional Planning will hold a public hearing at City Hall on December 27, 2017 at 3p.m. regarding the next phase of the water line project.**

Accept the Annual Audit – Robert Conrad with Conrad & Higgins, LLC was in attendance to present the Annual Audit for the Council’s approval. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the Annual Audit as presented. Alderman Trospen seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander – aye, Kavanaugh – aye, Fast – aye, Trospen – aye

State Audit - The State Auditor has delayed the audit until sometime in January or February. The Park Board will take over Jim Dickey’s salary for the next fiscal year, but can only do so for one year.

Phase 1 Street Project –Project Bids have been moved to December 20, 2017 due to an addendum to the project packet.

Park Board – Appoint Tommy Johnson and Joseph Hawkins to the board. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the appointment of Tommy Johnson and Joseph Hawkins to the Hamilton Park Board. Alderman Trospen seconded the motion. Vote: Alexander – aye, Kavanaugh – aye, Fast – aye, Trospen – aye

Mayor Gilliam presented Bill Number 1213171/ Ordinance Number 1661 – An Ordinance Authorizing The City Of Hamilton To Enter Into An Contract for Health Insurance For Employees with Blue Cross Blue Shield Through Agent Michael Brown And Dental And Life Insurance With National Insurance Partners. Alderman Fast read Bill Number 1213171/ Ordinance Number 1661 for the first time. Alderwoman Kavanaugh read Bill Number 1213171/ Ordinance Number 1661 for the second time. Alderman Trospen made a motion to approve Bill Number 1213171/ Ordinance Number 1661. Alderwoman Kavanaugh seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Alexander –aye, Fast – aye and Trospen – aye

Discussion regarding outside water connections

Mr. Fugate wanted to know why he had to provide a release from his water district and give a waterline easement if the City wasn’t going to approve his request for water.

Dennis Walker asked why the City was raising water rates, requiring water contracts and not allowing new customer contracts. He also addressed his water contract that still needed to be signed. Mr. Walker wants an amendment to his contract stating the City would be responsible for his meter. Alderman Alexander made a motion to amend the contract making the City responsible for the meter. Alderman Trospen seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Alexander – aye, Fast – aye and Trospen – aye. A revised contract will be forwarded to Mr. Walker’s attorney.

Mr. Walker also wanted to know the revenue/cost ratio for outside city limit customers.

Sherry and Dan Hartley wanted to know why they had to have backflow preventer when they are hooked to the main line to the water plant. Mr. Hartley asked why the City isn’t pushing back on DNR.

Kenny Dixon – City purchased the Uphill Lane lines, so how is all this affecting them. City Administrator, Jean Van Iperen, said they have a unique situation that is not under the same scrutiny as the other customers who live outside the City limits.

Ron Diven – is there a cost analysis about how much the City will lose by not renewing or adding new outside water customers?

Beverly Alden – what does getting out of the business of selling water to customers outside the City limits mean? Who made this decision?

Laura Auffert – We only have a service line, why do we need a valve?

Bill Hevalow – we only have a service line, why a backflow on that?

Kathy Hevalow – what does it matter to us, if you are cutting off our water

The Mayor let everyone present know the City is not cutting off anyone’s water. However, there will be no new contracts at this time.

Alderman Fast spoke to the audience and said because of DNR it is cost prohibitive to the City to provide water to customers outside the city limits.

DNR’s stance is that if the City is providing water to customers residing outside the city limits, then the lines to those customers are the City’s responsibility.

City Attorney, Robert Cowherd, stated that with DNR’s stance on responsibility, it is a financial burden on the City.

City Administrator, Jean Van Iperen, said that the backflow preventers are required for all customers using water for other than strict household use. That includes residents within the city limits.

Alderman Fast made a motion to go into closed session at 8:05pm. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Kavanaugh – aye
Fast – aye
Alexander – aye
Trospen – aye

Debra Davis
City Clerk