

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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May 6th, 2019- Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call: Councilors Mary Vail, Gerry Martin Danny Lingo, Steve Blum and Nancy Renner were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff and Town Manager Brent Shull were both present. Attached is a list of audience members.

Reading and approval of the April 1st, 2019 minutes – Councilman Danny Lingo motioned to approve the April 1st minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Clerks Report - *The clerk has submitted financial EOM statements and payroll to the Council.*

- A. Claims – Councilman Steve Blum made a motion to approve the claims. Councilman Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Steve Blum motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. Schedule Budget Meetings – Budget meetings will be advertised for 6pm before the June, July an August board meetings. Additional meetings will be advertised when those dates are chosen.

3. Reports

A. *Town Manager* – The Housing Strategy is moving forward, and several companies have agreed to contribute financially, which will reduce the cost for communities to participate.

Dekalb county can start work on the Terry lake drain as of May 10th, 2019. Brent will update the Council with their progress.

After complaints regarding broken glass were made, Town Manager Brent Shull said he has observed the trash/recycling trucks and they don't seem to be having any more issues.

Brent attended the IMMA training and shared legislative updates with the Council.

The new basketball hoops have been installed at Gnagy park.

The Summer League has submitted their Profit and Loss statement for the 2018 year. Brent said they are working on filling open positions so they can have a 5-member board. He is also working with the Summer league to answer additional questions regarding organization and funding. He will keep the board updated with any new information.

The approach to the new bay door at the Fire Department will be concreted, the cost is roughly \$2,300.00

Brent got prices to crack seal the Town Hall and Police Department parking lots. The Police department was close to \$2,500.00 and the Town hall was \$1,900.00; roughly \$4,400.00 for both.

Brent said funding was available to do both projects and would like to move forward with getting them scheduled. The Council had no objections.

Please see attached report

B. *Street Department* – The Street department built stands for the Frog Art and helped the Garden Club place their flowerpots.

The compost site is now open on Saturdays

The department is working with API as road construction is getting ready to start.

Please see attached report

C. *Police Department* – Six applications were turned in for the Police Department position. Of the 6, only one passed the physical testing. The one who passed is a qualified applicant who already has the academy. Marshal Warner hopes to interview in the next week or two and then if the interview goes well, he will schedule the psychological testing. Mary and Steve will sit in on the interview when it is scheduled.

Please see attached report.

D. *Water Department* – The department is working regularly on changing out water meters.

Painting the water towers will be discussed under New Business.

Please see attached report.

4. Old Business –

A. No old business was brought before the board

5. New Business –

A. Painting of the 3 water towers – Water Superintendent, Justin Stouder presented pictures and prices for painting the 3 water towers. Painting the towers is already included in our agreement with Utility Supply Company, however changing the color and wording will cost an additional \$60,000.00 for all 3 towers.

The Utility and Chamber discussed upgrading the color from light blue to a color like the “Hamilton” blue that is on the Welcome signs and around Town. The Chamber would also like to see the wording changed to “Life’s Better in Hamilton” instead of just “Hamilton”.

The Chamber made sure the “life’s better here” is not trademarked and open for use. Due to their request, the Chamber has volunteered to pay half of the cost associated with the wording change.

The Council looked over the proposed changes and liked the choices, agreeing a darker color would look nice and blend in with the nautical/lake theme of the Town. Councilwoman Nancy Renner questioned not getting additional quotes. Water Superintendent Justin Stouder said the utility is already under contract with Utility

Supply Company for the maintenance and upkeep of the towers. Painting is included in that contract. If the department were to solicit separate quotes for just painting the towers, it could cost closer to \$400,000 per tower. Therefore, it wouldn't be a fair comparison to the \$60,000.00 under the contract.

With Utility Supply Company, the Council will have the option of paying the difference upfront or increasing the monthly payment until the additional amount is paid off.

After further discussion, Councilman Steve Blum motioned to approve the color and wording change, have the additional amount added to our monthly payment and accept the Chambers offer to pay ½ of the cost associated with the wording.

Gerry Martin seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

The Water Department will work with the tank company on getting everything ready for the Towers to be painted this summer and will keep the Council and Town Manager informed of the timeline.

Public Comments/Questions concerning ADA or other items of Business –

Hamilton resident Lloyd Bartels asked what happened on State Road 1 with the recent traffic stop? He went on to say there were a lot of guns and many different agencies present.

The Council was unable to provide any information and said even if they knew anything, they wouldn't be able to comment.

Four residents from Beecher Street, Mr. & Mrs. La Hurreau and Mr. & Mrs. Coe, came to inquire about water draining on their street. They explained that they believe the drain is too high and they get a lot of run off from the Methodist Church, leaving their side of the street flooded when it rains. They came to the Council hoping the drains could be improved or something could be done.

Town Manager Brent Shull said he would have the Street department keep an eye on the drain to make sure it stays clear. He went on to say Beecher street was one of the roads that will be redone with the Community Crossings grant and during construction the road will be given a better pitch.

These two things should help resolve their concerns.

If they do not, he encouraged them to follow up with him and the Council.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Danny Lingo and seconded by Nancy Renner, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President