

Town of Hamilton

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December 30th, 2009 Town Council Meeting

6:30pm

1. Council President Brent Shull called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll call: Councilors John Damron, Will Nuttle, and Brent Shull were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Also present was Town Manager Milton Otero and Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff. Absent members included Dick Bacon and Jeff Bireley. Attached is a list of audience members

2. Reading & Approval of December 21st, 2009 Minutes – Councilman John Damron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Will Nuttle second the motion; motion carried with majority aye votes.

3. Clerks Report -

- A. Salary Ordinance 2009-3 – The clerk explained the ordinance was the same as 2009 due to the Council not approving raises for the 2010 year. Councilman John Damron made a motion to suspend all rules, do 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and adopt Salary Ordinance 2009-3 as presented, Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Resolutions to Transfer Funds – The clerk and council president gave a summary of the fund transfers. With no further discussion, Councilman Will Nuttle made a motion to approve the resolutions 2009-1 and 2009-2 as presented. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. Encumbrances – The list of encumbrances from 2009 for 2010 was presented totaling \$21,230.00. The council reviewed the list presented, which included a mower for the Street Department, Sidewalk funds remaining from 2009 budget and monies for a police vehicle to cover ½ the expenses. The other ½ will be taken out of the 2010 budget. With no changes, John Damron made a motion to accept he list of encumbrances as presented, Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried.

4. Old Business –

- A. Police Department Vehicle – Officer Jeremy Warner presented 3 differed quotes for 2 vehicles. A Dodge Charger varying from \$21,250.00 to \$20570.00 depending on the size of the motor and a Ford Crown Victoria for \$22,233.00. Will Nuttle said he would prefer the least expensive vehicle, Brent Shull said the differences were minimal and wanted what the department thought was best, John Damron asked Officer Warner if he had polled the department to see what they wanted. He said they liked the aesthetics of the Charger, but other than that they felt all

vehicles chosen were pretty comparable. Will Nuttle asked if the difference in the motor was worth the expense? Officer Warner told him both would perform well and you might be talking seconds in speed. With that being said John Damron made the motion to purchase the Charger at \$20,570.00 as presented, Will Nuttle seconded the motion; motion carried with unanimous voice aye votes.

- B. Police Department Holiday Pay- Town Manager Milton Otero presented a memo outlining what was agreed upon for the Police Departments Holiday Pay. Each member of the Police department that works a complete shift on a scheduled holiday will receive an extra day's pay at the end of the calendar year. For those who do not work and are not scheduled, they will not receive any type of benefit or additional pay. *(Please see attached and approved memo)* Will Nuttle made a motion to accept the memo as policy until it is properly annotated in the personnel policy, John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried. The policy will be in effect beginning January 1,2010.
- C. PTO Ordinance – Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff made sure each member had received the ordinance and was able to review it prior to the meeting. All members did look it over and agreed that it an accurate representation of what they wanted. Councilman John Damron made a motion to suspend the rules, do 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to adopt the PTO Ordinance 2009-4 as presented to be in full effect January 1st, 2010. Will Nuttle second the motion; motion carried with unanimous voice aye votes.
- D. John Damron made a motion to reinstate Fugate cleaning services for the Town Hall until further notice. Brent Shull seconded his motion. All voted in favor, except for Councilman Will Nuttle. With Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff explaining a majority of the council was needed, not just the council present at the meeting, Councilman Damron made the motion again to reinstate Fugate Cleaning Services, Brent Shull seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Councilman Will Nuttle urged the council to consider building a salt barn soon, after seeing how the current salt is stored and affected by the weather. President Brent Shull said we already have this item in the 2010 budget and Town Manager Milton Otero is getting quotes and information needed to move forward and will present this to the council as it becomes available.

6. New Business –

- A. Schedule Open House for January – Council President Brent Shull recommended having an open house from 6:30pm – 7:00pm before the January 4th, 2010 meeting. All members of the board agreed and he confirmed with Town Manager Milton Otero that all employees should be there and will be paid \$20.00 for attending as described in the Salary Ordinance.
- B. Town Council President Brent Shull presented the Town Attorneys contract for 2010, No changes were made from 2009 and all fees will remain the same. Will Nuttle made a motion to approve the contract, John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried.

- C. Council President made a motion to transfer funds to pay the Town Manager for an additional 6 ½ days of time off on top of the 7 budgeted for, totaling 13.5 days. Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried.
- D. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder asked the council to consider the increase for Water Plant/Department liability insurance as suggested by the agent. She is looking into how much this will increase the premium and noted that this was brought to the councils attention several years ago, but never changed. The council will wait for the cost difference, but agrees the increase is necessary.
- E. Councilman Will Nuttle inquired about the current garbage contract and when it comes up for renewal. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder said it was on the agenda for Februarys meeting but the current contract isn't due to expire until December of 2010. She elaborated saying several companies had called showing an interest in bidding when the contract expires. She has provided them with basic information and dates. The council will be discussing the garbage bids, specs and contract further in February. Council President Brent Shull asked for annual items and other information be shared with the Clerk and Town Manager to be put on a community calendar so everyone is aware of upcoming events, contracts, etc.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by John Damron and seconded by Will Nuttle the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Hester Stouder- Clerk Treasurer

Brent Shull – Council President