

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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October 21st, 2009 Town Council Meeting

4:00pm

1. Council President Brent Shull called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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

2. Vehicle Purchase for the Police Department

Council President Brent Shull opened the meeting by asking each member present where they stood with the purchase of a vehicle for the Police Department.

Councilman Will Nuttle was the first to respond, stating he was against the purchase of a Polaris style vehicle, citing storage as one of his concerns and felt the Police Department could operate with 3 vehicles to cover the 20 miles (approximately) of road in Hamilton. Councilman Damron was the next to speak and said he was concerned with the lack of vehicle replacement in at least the past 2 years. Explaining the importance of a vehicle rotation program and by sticking with the plan it allowed the council to be proactive and think ahead regarding expenses and replacement. He finished stating he did not want to go another year without rotating a vehicle, especially since the funds were allocated to do so. President Brent Shull agreed and said although the purchase of a Polaris was agreed upon at some time, with recent financial demands focused on a new Fire Rescue Truck, he too felt it would be best to spend the allocated amount on an actual car and move forward with the vehicle rotation plan. At this time councilman John Damron made a motion to forgo the purchase of a Polaris, Councilman Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried. Councilman Damron then motioned to have Marshal Joe Patterson begin the process of purchasing a new police car, Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder made note of the funds allocated for the purchase at \$27,000.00. Marshal Joe Patterson will work with Town Manager Milton Otero on the purchase and report back to the council.

5. Old Business –

- a. Councilman Will Nuttle asked about money being spent on Lane 148 for drainage as noted in the Street Departments report. Town Manager Milton Otero spoke up, stating the work had already been approved and completed. The money was used to fix two areas with drainage problems. He will get with Councilman Nuttle to go over the work that was done.

6. New Business –

No new business was brought before the board at this time.

7. Public Comments/Questions –

There were no public comments at this time.

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 4:18 pm.

Hester Stouder
Clerk Treasurer

Brent Shull
Council President