

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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October 5th, 2009 Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Council President Brent Shull called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

2. Reading and Approval of September 8th, 9th and 16th, 2009 minutes –

Councilman Jeff Bireley made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, councilman John Damron seconded the motion and it carried with unanimous voice Aye votes.

**** Hamilton Improvement Team Representative Dave Hawkins withdrew his request for the already approved amount of \$10,000.00. He explained that the State has a right of way prohibiting them to build the concession stand previously proposed. Instead they have shifted their efforts to refurbishing, extending and restoring the boardwalk. The Improvement Team is applying for a grant that would cover 80% of the projects cost, leaving only 20% left to fund. With the new project and expenses, he requested \$60,000.00 from the council. Councilman Jeff Bireley recommended the council wait to make a decision until the entire board was present. All members agreed. Mr. Hawkins extended an invitation to the Hamilton Improvement Team meeting discussing the boardwalk project at the High School the following night.

3. Clerks Report –

A. *Claims* – John Damron made the motion to accept the claims. Jeff Bireley seconded the motion, motion carried.

B. *Delinquent Water/Garbage Accounts* – Jeff Bireley made a motion to approve the above-mentioned list as presented. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried.

C. *Abandon Taps* - John Damron made a motion to approve the abandon tap affidavits presented to the council due to 6 or more months of non-payment. Jeff Bireley seconded the motion, motion carried.

D. Approval of Chamber sign at 4-way – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder spoke on behalf of the chamber, requesting permission to hang a banner advertising the Hamilton Fall Fest. The council said as long as it was not violating any ordinances, they didn't have a problem with it. A motion for approval was not needed.

4. Reports –

Town Manager – Council President Brent Shull spoke on the Town Managers behalf requesting up to \$3,500.00 to complete an income study survey that is recommended by Region 3A when applying for grants. Councilman John Damron made the motion to approve the expense if funds were available. Jeff Bireley seconded the motion, motion carried.

Street Department – Street Superintendent Mark Gerardot confirmed the hiring of Jerry Orr as the seasonal employee who will be helping during leaf collection.

Police Department – Marshall Joe Patterson requested the approval to purchase an air card that will allow them to receive reports and information while in the field. The one time start up fee is \$100.00 and a monthly fee of \$35.00, no contract at this time. John Damron made a motion to approve the purchase if funds were available, Jeff Bireley seconded the motion, motion carried. Eric Patterson completed classes so he is now able to train new employees and reserves. Frank Baldwin is using his Town provided cell phone.

Water Department – The approval to pave the driveway back to the wells was requested. Quotes have been received from T&E for \$4200.00 after they visited the site. API quoted the job at \$4050.00 sight unseen. The council approved the expense and requested Water Superintendent Justin Stouder and Town Manager Milton Otero get together to work out the details. President Brent Shull asked for an update on the boring machine purchase (*the council previously approved up to \$8,500.00 for the purchase*). Water Superintendent Justin Stouder said he had been looking and found a company out of Texas that appeared to have the best unit for the price. He will discuss details with the Town Manager & said if the unit is available it could be used on an install that may be coming up on Ball Lake.

5. Old Business –

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

6. New Business –

- a. Resolution - Council President Brent Shull would like to see Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff draw up a resolution designating the last Saturday of October as the official date for Hamilton's Fall Fest. Dan will draw up the resolution and present it to the council for approval.

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 Jeff Bireley and seconded by John Damron. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Hester Stouder
Clerk Treasurer

Brent Shull
Council President