

Town of Hamilton

7750 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

DRAFT – NOT YET ADOPTED

September 22nd, 2011 Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

**** Prior to the start of the meeting, Town Manager Milton Otero read a letter from President Will Nuttle appointing Brent Shull authority to chair the meeting until the end of 2011.**

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

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

2. Clerks Report -

- A.** Claims –Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder asked if there were any questions, none were asked during the meeting, however Council man Larry Grantham said he would like to meet with the clerk to discuss how claims are done. Larry Grantham then made a motion to approve the claims presented, John Damron seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion carried.
- B.** Budget Ordinance 2011-5- 1st reading – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder read through the requested amount for each fund including the total levy amount. Larry Grantham made a motion to introduce the budget ordinance on 1st reading. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C.** Salary Ordinance 2011-6 – 1st reading - Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder introduced the ordinance, no changes were made from last year. The bonus that was approved by council will not be included in the salary ordinance, but will be paid to the employees as previously approved by the council. John Damron made a motion to introduce the ordinance on 1st reading. Larry Grantham seconded the motion, motion carried.

3. Old Business –

- A.** Ordinance 2011-3 2nd and 3rd reading – Councilman John Damron made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt the ordinance as presented on 2nd & 3rd reading. Larry Grantham seconded the motion, motion carried with those present voicing aye' votes.

6. New Business –

A. Park Board Appointment – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder asked the board to be thinking about a replacement for Mr. Jack Gibson’s seat on the Park Board. His seat is appointed by the council and goes through December 31st, 2014. Discussion took place regarding party affiliation, as the board should be comprised of no more than two from the same party. The council will have requests put in the newspaper for any interested party to notify the Town Hall. Brent Shull said would like to see the Park board and summer league meet bi-annually and the park Board to update the council once a quarter. Filling the open seat will be on the agenda until the council has appointed someone.

B. Councilman John Damron asked if we had an ordinance allowing guns in public places such as the park? Milton said no, but he and Dan were working on it and would present it to the council when finished.

C. Town Manager Milton Otero brought up the Indiana Business Preference Ordinance 2011-4, indicating he would like to present it at next months meeting. Councilman John Damron said he had reviewed it would like to introduce it on 1st reading. Larry seconded the motion, motion carried

D. Milton said he is working with Ingledue Construction on putting together the contract for the Boardwalk project. He is also drafting a memo addressed to the Hamilton Improvement Team outlining the additional expenses and their responsibility to pay, outside the \$62,000.00 appropriated in the Town’s budget.

Larry Grantham asked when or if the board would be discussing last months meeting? The Clerk said it could be brought up at any time if someone wanted to talk about something. He said he wanted too, but preferred to do it with the Attorney present. Board members Brent and John asked what it was about or if it had to do with minutes? He said yes, the minutes and the papers that were handed to the clerk by Councilman Damron. John said what he did was for the sake of time and perfectly legal. Larry said if that is the opinion of the Town Attorney, he will not say another word. The discussion ended and Larry said it was not necessary when the clerk asked if he would like it on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Public Comments/Questions –

No comments were made or questions asked by the community.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Damron and seconded by Larry Grantham the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Will Nuttle – Council President