

Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

October 19th, 2020- Town Council Meeting
5:30pm

1. Council President Mary Vail called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Reading and approval of the October 5th, 2020 minutes-

Councilman Gerry Martin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

1. Budget Ordinance 2021-1 – Adoption – Councilwoman Nancy Renner motioned to introduce Budget Ordinance 2020-1 on 1st reading. Gerry Martin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gerry Martin then motioned to suspend the rules and adopt on 2nd & 3rd reading. Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

Now that the budget has been adopted, the Clerk will submit it to the State for final approval.

2. Salary Ordinance 2020-2 – 1st reading – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder presented the Salary Ordinance for 2021. Because the Council has yet to approve a cost of living or advancement raise based on reviews, the Clerk explained that the ranges for each position included the maximum amounts the Council approved during budget meetings.

Without any questions from the Council, Gerry Martin motioned to introduce Salary Ordinance 2020-2 on 1st reading. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

The 2nd and 3rd reading for the 2021 Salary Ordinance will be on the November 2nd, 2020 meeting.

The Council still needs to approve the contributions for each employee's HSA accounts for 2021, if they will provide a bonus yet this year and if they plan on providing a cost of living raise effective in January 2021. These items will be on the November agenda.

Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder noted for the minutes that Council President Mary Vail would be signing a certification for the Town to receive Coronavirus Relief funds. Additional paperwork will be filed to receive the \$51,261 designated for the Town of Hamilton.

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

Jenna Steigerwald spoke to the Council on behalf of the Recreation Board. She said they were going to approach the School Board about the possibility of using land by the South Tower for Tennis Courts. As the Recreation Board was discussing having the Tennis Courts redone, they received input from Tennis players that the cost may be higher than originally thought and only provide a band-aid to the problem they have with concrete sinking and cracking. Because of this input, the Recreation Board considered partnering with the School on new Tennis Courts, that could be used by the school and the public. As the discussions progress, she will continue to update the Council.

Jenna ended by updating the Council on the Dog Park. The Recreation Board approved for 4 trees to be removed, which has been done. RNC fence was approved to install the fence for the Dog Park and they are undecided on who will do the concrete work.

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 5:50 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President