

Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

August 3rd, 2020- Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Council President Mary Vail called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

*** All members present were wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

Reading and approval of the July 20th, 2020 minutes – Councilwoman Nancy Renner motioned to approve the budget and regular meeting minutes as presented. Gerry Martin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Clerks Report - *The clerk has submitted financial EOM statements and payroll to the Council.*

- A. Claims – Danny Lingo motioned to approve the claims as presented by the Clerk’s Office. Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Gerry Martin motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Steve Blum seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. Council Raises – During the budget meeting held prior to the regular meeting, the Council discussed pay increases for their positions. Danny Lingo motioned to increase their pay, starting in 2021 to \$4,005 annually. Nancy Renner seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.
- D. The Council would like the 2021 budget to reflect up to 5% for employee pay increases. This would include the cost of living raise and a merit-based increase. The Council would also like to consider a Hazard type pay towards the end of the 2020 year, thanking the employees for working during the pandemic. HSA contributions will be budgeted at \$1500 for 2021. The Council will determine the final amount after the insurance rates are released.

4. Reports

A. *Town Manager* – The Aquifer discussion is nonexistent after an agreement was reached with the Toledo Maumee River Basin.

Concerns over motorized skate- board and golf-carts driving too fast, with too many people, late at night were brought before the Council by a concerned citizen. Brent said he is aware of the problem and will work with those involved to resolve the problem. The Police department is also aware of the concern and will focus on making sure curfews are enforced.

Brent provided pricing for flooring throughout the Town Hall, to include the large rental room. The estimated cost was \$26,155.01. Brent said he would bring 3 quotes for rolled carpet, not squares to the September meeting for the Council to vote on.

Brent will continue updating the Council regarding a lighted sign on a residential property. This and other sign guidelines will be discussed with the Plan Commission and Council.

Please see attached report

B. *Street Department* – Screened gravel has been spread on Fish Creek Trail. The new truck has been ordered. Brush pick up and tree removal are underway. Curbs and parking spots are being painted.

Please see attached report

C *Police Department* – The Marine Patrol is going well, and all officers are being trained on how to use the boat and boater safety. Even though officers will spend time on the water, road coverage still maintains a priority.

The Department is working on getting body cameras for each officer.

Marshal Warner would like to promote James West to Corporal effective September 1st, 2020. Steve Blum motioned to approve the rank as recommended, by the Marshal. Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval. The Council would like to recognize the Police department and their ranks at the September Council meeting.

Please see attached report.

D. *Water Department* – The Freer/O’hnecke water meter has been moved. Yards are being repaired from new installs as time permits. The East and West aerations basin transducers are getting bad and need replaced and calibrated. Brad provided a quote of \$3,200 to replace them. The Council approved the replacement.

Please see attached report.

5. Old Business –

A. Beach Project Update – Town Manager Brent Shull said they are still working on the approval process with the various state agencies. He did say there would be new/updated drawings ready around August 20th, 2020.

6. New Business –

A. Attorney for Crystal Bay Crystal Cove Homeowners Association – Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff asked the Council to provide an informed consent for him to represent both the Town and Crystal Bay Crystal Cove Homeowners Association. He previously served as their attorney and has now been requested to do so again. Due to an ethics clause he will need approval from the Council in order to do so. The work he is being asked to do is not controversial and specifically involves some plat issues regarding Lot 198.

Councilman Danny Lingo motioned to give consent to Dan to represent both parties. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

Town Manager Brent Shull and Marshal Jermey Warner revised the agreement for Officer Baldwin to hike the PCT trail. He was supposed to go in 2020, but his plans were cancelled due to the COVID virus. The revised agreement changed the dates to reflect 2021, the months and verbiage regarding his position remained the same. It will be signed by all parties involved and kept in his personnel file. Steve Blum motioned to accept the changes, Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Danny Lingo and seconded by Steve Blum, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President