

Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

June 1st, 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 and Mary Vail were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff and Town Manager Brent Shull were both present. Councilman Steve Blum and Danny Lingo were absent. Attached is a list of audience members.

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

Reading and approval of the May 4th & 18th, 2020 minutes – Councilman Gerry Martin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

- A. Claims – Gerry Martin motioned to approve the claims as presented by the Clerk’s Office. Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Gerry Martin motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.
- C. Set dare for 2nd meeting in June – Budget - The Council decided to meet June 15th, 2020 at 7pm to discuss the upcoming budget year. The meeting will be open to the public.

4. Reports

A. *Town Manager* - The Town Hall will keep masks mandatory until June 14th, then it will become a personal choice for people to wear them.

Brent has a property owner on LN 207A that would like to survey the road and have it platted to where it actually is. Once this is done, the proposed changes would go to the Plan commission for a hearing, then the Town Council with a recommendation for approval.

Please see attached report

B. *Street Department* – Terry Lake Road will be submitted in the 2nd round of CCMG grants.

Vestil donated a cage to act as a platform for the payload.

Please see attached report

C. *Police Department* – The Police department will begin using their boat in the water. They will not be focusing on ticket writing, but instead building relationships

with the community and water safety. Water patrol will be elective within the department and will not be taking someone off of the road.

Please see attached report.

D. *Water Department* – The analyzer should be working now, after the 3rd attempt. If the company is unable to make the necessary repairs, another company will be hired. Brent and Brad are working closely together to make sure everything gets taken care of without spending more money.

Please see attached report.

5. Old Business –

A. Social media Retention – The Clerk Treasurer said she and her deputy clerk looked into the company that was soliciting the Town for social media retention. She said they were from another state and could not guarantee their services 100%. She then contacted the Public access counselor who said there were not any requirements by them to store the Town information from places like Facebook, etc. They said the Town had to keep what they posted but were not responsible for outside comments. The Clerk contacted 3 other communities to see if they worked with anyone to provide these services. None of them did, at the recommendation of their IT department. After getting this information, the Council decided not to pursue it any further.

Town Manager Brent Shull said he hoped the Council would look into it in the future.

They will continue leaning on the Public Access Counselor for direction.

6. New Business –

A. Exercise Classes at the Town Hall – A lady who teaches during the summer would like to begin June 8th, 2020. The Council agreed she could start June 8th if she follows the cleaning and social distancing requirements.

B. Heath Getz – donation box – A Hamilton senior would like to install a donation box at the Police Department drive thru area. The box would hold food and books for people to get as needed. The items would be replaced by donations from the Community. There will also be a similar box at the High School. Councilman Gerry Martin thought the idea was great and motioned to approve the box and its location at the Police Department. Nancy Renner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council President Mary Vail will let him know of the approval and is excited to see this service project moving forward.

C. Town Hall Re-opening – As the Town Hall moves forward with the re-opening guidelines beginning June 14th, 2020. Mary, Hester and Jenna will work on putting the cleaning protocols in place and post them where needed.

Deputy Clerk and Recreation Board member Jenna Steigerwald said the Summer programs will begin in July, following the health department guidelines.

Dan Dubs replaced Bill Martins on the Recreation Board.

The Park Pavilion will open for public use as of June 14th, following the re-opening guidelines.

The Police Department Boat was in the parking lot and available for public viewing.

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 Nancy Renner and seconded by Gerry Martin, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President