

Town of Hamilton

900 S Wayne St – PO Box 249

Hamilton, In 46742

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July 1st, 2019- Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Reading and approval of the June 3rd & June 19th, 2019 minutes – Councilman Gerry Martin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried.

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

- A. Claims – Councilwoman Nancy Renner made a motion to approve the claims. Council President Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.
- B. Delinquent Accounts – Nancy Renner motioned to approve the delinquent accounts, Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.

3. Reports

A. *Town Manager* – The Plan commission is still working on R3 zoning for condominiums.

Brent would like to apply in November for the 2020 January draw of Community Crossings grants. This will include 150, but not 280-282 due to continuing construction and heavy truck traffic.

The Town may partner with the County on chip and sealing CR 300.

The Downtown dumpsters are being used by the public and causing overflow concerns. Signs will be placed on the dumpsters saying they are for private use and violators will be prosecuted. These signs will help the police department in being able to issue violations to those who shouldn't be using the dumpsters.

Strategic Plan meetings will begin again in September.

Preliminary designs for the beach will be available soon.

Dredging on Terry Lake will begin in early to mid-July.

Brent provided a bid package proposal from Engineering Resources for the 2020 Community Crossings grant. The basic services were \$10,700 with extended services adding another \$6600. After reviewing the details and what the Council actually was looking for, no decision was made and Brent will talk with ERI to get more details and better idea of cost.

Please see attached report

B. Street Department – The catch basin at the corner of Railroad street and Wayne street needs repaired. The department is looking into ownership and scope of the repairs before they can provide information on cost or plans. They will update the Council when they have more information.

API is wrapping up on the grant project. They must topsoil and berm before they can get a final inspection and invoice.

Town Wide cleanup was used by a lot of residents, so much that a 5th dumpster was needed. The curbside pickup was used by 7 residents. Before next years cleanup, the Street Department and Town Manager would like to discuss the rules for curbside and how to better communicate who is eligible.

A culvert is going bad by the Fish & Game club.

Please see attached report

C. Police Department – New hire James West is now working on his own.

The department has found a boat in San Antonio, Texas. The cost to have the boat brought to Hamilton by a hotshot driver would be about \$3500. This option of hiring someone to drive the boat would eliminate the liability for the Town and not leave the department shorthanded.

The Council liked this option and per the Town Attorneys advice they will make sure to get something in writing outlining the insurance and transportation details. Gerry Martin motioned to approve the acquisition of the boat and transportation arrangements as discussed, not to exceed a cost of \$3,500. Nancy Renner seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

Please see attached report.

D. *Water Department* – Water loss has been low the past month, and despite some higher months, the 18-month average remains low as well.

Trees have been trimmed and removed from around the plant.

Please see attached report.

4. Old Business –

A. Marina Boat Slip Application – A draft was proposed regarding the public docks being used by the local Marinas for a small boat show. The Council clarified the intention was for the Marina's to use any 3 dock spaces for 1 day. With the timeline and number of docks clarified, Nancy Renner motioned to approve the application with those changes, Gerry Martin seconded the motion, motion passed.

5. New Business –

A. Hamilton School logo or saying on the water Tower - Community member Chante Hurraw would like the Council to consider partnering with her to cover the \$8500 cost to add "Home of the Marines" to the water tower by the school. She has raised almost \$4,000 and would like the Council to help make up the difference so the work can be done while the paint crews are still in the area.

After discussion and input from the Attorney the Council stated that in order to add something to the water tower promoting the school, the request would need to come directly from the school board in the form of a motion and formal minutes. This is to protect the Town and to show the schools position on the design and agreement to fund the expense regardless of outside contributions.

Because Mrs. Hurraw was not acting on behalf of the school, she contacted the superintendent to come and speak to the Council that evening, While the Council waited on Mr. Cassel, they took a short recess.

When Mr. Cassel arrived, he said he was aware of the design and cost, however the school was not interested in spending the \$8500. They would be more likely to consider spending \$2,000 to \$2500.

Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff said it is not typical practice of a Town to act as a fundraising agent. Most often an organization, like the School, would come to the Town with the funding in place and ask permission to use the Town's Water Tower. The Council felt the decision was being rushed and wasn't comfortable committing to anything without a full board

Because the Council was meeting again on July 17th and the paint crews would still be in Town, they agreed to wait and allow the school to come up with the funding, a formal motion and minutes to present to the Council for the water tower request.

Councilwoman Nancy Renner put this in the form of a motion, Gerry Martin seconded the motion, motion passed with unanimous approval.

B. Parking at the Public Beach – Town Manager Brent Shull and Marshal Jerney Warner have expressed concerns with trucks and boat trailers parking at the public beach and along the new portion of Lane 150. Some of the parking concern is also due to dock space being rented out to non-residents.

To address the problems, Town Manager and Marshal will work with Dan to revise the parking ordinance to make the area from Enterprise to Wayne Street on Lane 150 a NO Parking area. They will also look at parking in the beach area to limit trailers from 7am-10am only.

Once they have a recommendation, they will bring it to the Council for approval and adoption.

At the same time, Brent would like the Council and Marshal to consider re-positioning the 40 MPH speed limit on Wayne Street and place it after the new Lane 150 entrance.

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 Gerry Martin and seconded by Nancy Renner the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Hester Stouder, IAMC - Clerk Treasurer

Mary Vail –Council President