

Town of Hamilton

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May 22nd, 2017 Town Council Meeting

5:30 pm

1. Council President Tina Bosse called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Roll call: Councilors Sandra Biegas, Danny Lingo, Mary Vail and Tina Bosse were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Town Manager Brent Shull & Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff were in attendance. Councilman Steve Blum was absent. Attached is a list of audience members.

2. Garden Club Golf Cart Permit – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder presented a request from the Garden Club asking the council to waive their \$25 annual registration fee. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff advised the Council not to waive the fee because it would violate the Ordinance, however the Council could elect to charge the fee and then donate it back. The Council agreed with his recommendation, the Clerk will let the council know when they purchase the registration so they vote on donating it back to the Garden Club.

3. Ordinance 2017-2 Amending the Salary Ordinance – 1st reading – An amendment to the Salary Ordinance was introduced; adding the option of salary pay for the Water Superintendent position. Councilwoman Mary Vail motioned to introduce Ordinance 2017-2 on 1st reading, Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried. Sandra Biegas then motioned to suspend the rules and adopt on 2nd & 3rd reading. Danny Lingo seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous approval.

4. PERF consideration for part time employees – Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder presented a request by a part time employee, asking if the Council would amend the personnel policy to allow Part time employees to participate in PERF if they covered the entire cost. The Council saw no reason to object. The Clerk will prepare a change to the personnel policy and present it at the next meeting for approval.

5. Lane 282 Roadwork – Town Manager Brent Shull asked the Council to approve additional road work on lane 282. The estimates came in at \$26,353.38 from M&M and \$26,500.00 from T&E. Brent would recommend using the money left over (\$31,998.62) from the Bellefontaine project to do the proposed patchwork on Lane 282. The Council wanted to make sure these road projects weren't adversely affecting the parking lot project. Brent said they were coming from two separate funds and would not negatively affect each other.

With that being said, Councilman Danny Lingo motioned to approve the quote from M&M for \$26,3653.38. Mary Vail seconded the motion, motion carried.

When discussing the Parking lot project, Town Manager Brent Shull said he would be short on funding the project because the sidewalk money he was using was only \$35,000 and the estimates he received were between \$46,100-\$53,000. This includes nearly \$6,000 in tile and drain work.

Options for this project will be discussed with the Clerk and the County drainage board. Brent is unable to move forward until the County partners with the Town to improve an existing drain that runs along Church and Lake Street.

6. 2018 Budget -

The Council reviewed a list of budget items presented by the Clerk as follows;

Police Department-

PD vehicle replacement in 2018 out of LOIT

Air Cleaner for the evidence room

Replacement of personal rifles

Increase ammo and reserve expenses due to increased number of reserves

Continue community outreach/school programs

K9 replacement – continue setting money aside

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The Council would like to upgrade the website in 2018

Maintain employee health insurance at 100%

Maintain contribution to HSA

Look at raises between 1-3%

Maintain annual donations to various organizations – will revisit annually

Increase in Fire Department capital type expenses. A new fire truck is the focus. Brent is trying to aid them in searching for grants. The Fire board will continue meeting to discuss how and when it can be funded.

Line items for Strategic Plan projects will remain at \$20,000

The Council will look at the parking lot downtown and relocating 150 to the North End of the spillway in the 2018 budget.

With these initial items approved by the Council, the Clerk will begin the 1st draft of the budget. She will provide a more detailed budget after getting information from the Water and Street Departments at the next budget meeting.

The next scheduled budget meeting will be June 5th, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Councilwoman Mary Vail asked if President Tina Bosse would impress upon Councilman Blum to attend the scheduled meetings, as she feels he has missed too many.

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 Tina Bosse, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Tina Bosse –Council President