

Town Of Hamilton

Regular Monthly Board Meeting

March 5th 7:00pm (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners: Kerry Spivey, Linda Goodrich, Patricia Moring, Judith Stewart and William Freeman.

Meeting called to order and welcomed by Mayor Goodrich.

Prayer by Commissioner Judith Stewart

Pledge to the Flag: By all.

Review of previous 2 meeting's minutes. Motion to approve minutes from February 21st, made by commissioner Spivey, Seconded by Commissioner Stewart. 5-0 unanimous vote. Motion to approve minutes from February 28th, made by Commissioner Spivey, second by Commissioner Stewart. 5-0 unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Commissioner Stewart contacted Mr. Peele about the signs, and is looking into new designs for the town signs, specifically for the town hall and entry signs. Stated, that we may be able to use the old signs at down at the river, for those that come in from that way either boating or kayaking to be able to indicated gas/atm/food so they know they can stop at our river landing area.

New Business:

Budget amendments need to be approved for a total of \$46,700.00 to include 31,000.00 from Audit and Legal, 12,000.00 from Insurance and Bonds, and 3,700.00 from Capital Outlay- Street repairs. Motion to approve budget amendments made by Commissioner Moring. Second by Commissioner Goodrich.

Next agenda topic was to get an estimated time frame for being able to move to the bank to be able to give the companies that we are working with. Was roughly decided to try to be there by June 1st for the beginning of the new FY. Conversation about the new location being able to use the drive through window for those who have trouble walking.

The Census is currently going on, Commissioner Moring reached out to those doing the census and was informed that the census commission would be making every effort to make sure that all the residents of the town of Hamilton would have access to the census. Making sure to count all residents of the town can help to increase the funding for the town.

There is another CD to be moved. The current CD's are now in a place where they have a 475% growth in percentage of interest they are gaining. Commissioner Spivey inquired about any competitive rates that may be offered with Southern Bank. Mayor Goodrich explained that there is a meeting with Southern bank March 10th to discuss possible rate changes and that if they are similar in comparison that the CDs will stay where they are currently. Commissioner Moring mentions that there was originally questions with Southern bank concerning fees that were un-noticed even by the banker at the time and trying to get more information on that. Town Citizen Mary Greene added that we may want to check with the bank in Williamston who does CDs at 1.85%. Mayor Goodrich noted that we would check to see if they were LGC approved.

Pastor meeting is Sunday March 8th afternoon from 4:30-6:00pm. Which is where the new pastor of the Hamilton Baptist Church on front street will be hosting an open meeting to introduce the new pastor to the town. All are welcome to come.

Review of Monthly Financial Reports: Motion to approve financial reports made by Commissioner Spivey, Second by Commissioner Stewart. 5-0 unanimous decision.

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Town Comment:

Former Commissioner Williams- asked that because the board meeting on 2-6-20 was held when there was a thunderstorm advisory and the meeting on 2-21-20 was held when it was snowing that we be considerate of the meeting cancelations for those whom are elderly that would like to attend.

Other Comments were made inquiring about attendance sheets for town meetings. Clerk was previously unaware of this item. Will be providing attendance sheet for the town citizens from here forward.

Inquiry about restaurant, farmers market and veterans home was made. Restaurant was waiting on the check from the town. Received the Committee of 100's contribution on 3-5-20, and stated that we would be formally presenting to Mrs. Summers of Annie's Catering at the next meeting on 03-13-20. Also informed that the other contributor was WQD trucking owned by Former Commissioner Williams. Was previously unaware of whom the alternate contributor was because specific names of company/contributor was not included in the minutes.

Town citizen asked if we could put something in the hole at the end of the street on the corner of Taylor St and Hwy 125.

Mayors Report:

Summary of the items that have been accomplished in the first 86 days in office was given. This included: hiring new town clerk, moving the CDs to acquire more interest, the move to the bank process has been started, the Morris Lynch Center has been approved to be used for meals on wheels pending the programs approval, roughly 40 households on the Budget Billing program, limiting the use of the fire siren to only emergencies, the starting of the emergency phone system to assist in the notification of incidents such as boil advisories.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Spivey- Nothing except for the current annual reports being done and keeping an eye on the workings of Penco.

Commissioner Goodrich- 73% down from last month alone in shut off notices, whereas there was an increase in revenue from the previous report from 57.9% to 67.9% revenue. Questionnaire put with bill to be able to ensure accurate phone numbers/ medical issues/ any pertinent information.

Commissioner Moring. Encouraged those to sign up for meals on wheels if 60 or older. Also applied for the Martin County Tourism grant to be able to help on cost with signage.

Commissioner Stewart- Committee of 100 's check for Annie's Catering was received, as well as hoping to go through newly found zoning information on 3-6-20.

Commissioner Freeman- Talked about the sewer pipes that are currently being evaluated for estimates on repairs to them. Verbal estimate is roughly between 38 and 53 thousand dollars as of late. Mentioned that Oak City just got a new Verizon cell tower. Commissioner Moring suggested we contact bigger players than us in the local area to contact the phone providers.

No Closed Session meeting necessary at this time.

Motion to adjourn board meeting made by Commissioner Stewart, Second by commissioner Moring . Unanimous 5-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Town Clerk