

Town of Hamilton Monthly Board Meeting

New Hamilton Town Hall

November 3rd, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Present: Mayor Williams, Commissioners: Freeman, Goodrich, Spivey, Stewart & Jackson

Called to order & welcome at 7:01 PM by Mayor Williams, with the prayer offered by Commissioner Stewart followed by the pledge to the flag by all.

Public Power Week Commissioner Freeman states that everything went very well, and everything turned out really nice.

South Creek School supply donation box is located and filling up in the lobby at town hall.

Golf Cart Ordinance has been reviewed and Mayor Williams contacted the insurance company, and they stated the town will not be liable if any accidents should happen. Mayor Williams states that the new language was sent in by Coleman and we will add the verbiage to the Golf Cart Ordinance. **Motion to approve the drafted golf cart ordinance with new verbiage as submitted by Coleman made by Commissioner Spivey, seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Motion carried 5-0.**

New Computer for the office has been purchased and is working with FMS up and running on both systems. Clerk thanked the board for the approval of the device for the office to make daily operations run smoother.

Bids for the former town hall to house maps and possibly create a new map room in the old town hall. Mike has removed one of the desks and placed them at the library and he is requesting that we take one of the computer desks from the library and place it into his office. Mike Pickle now has had these maps laminated to better house the maps in the office.

Well house repairs needed last month, and this repair has been completed. Commissioner Spivey states that the repairs have been completed as well as Mike Pickle has installed a sink.

Electricities Grant no response has been received at this time.

Edna Andrews basketball court has been completed and the lines have been painted. Camps will begin to start up as well as sign-ups for basketball.

USDA Grant Workshop had over 85 people there and was a success that was held at the Morris Lynch Center.

Offer has been made for the property and the tree will be removed next Saturday, the local ads run into newspapers over the next few weeks.

Woodchipper to be placed on GovDeals to be sold. Mayor Williams asked the board their thoughts on new - old water meters to be sold. The board all agreed to sell these items. Commissioner Goodrich requested to investigate the old library supplies that are just there and some of the items could be sold to the town as profit.

Commissioner Goodrich requested to have the town set up a computer with open access to the public like a computer lab. We could offer this access/computer lab at the old town hall in the library or in the current town hall.

Commissioner Jackson requested more information about \$8,000.00 worth of diesel fuel at the maintenance building.

Minutes from the October meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, Motion Carried 5-0.

Old Business

Junk Car ordinance was reviewed with the Town of Williamston by Commissioner Spivey, who states that the town contacts towing companies to have the junk cars removed from properties. Letters are written to the homeowners before the towing information is given. Mayor Williams requested who would enforce this ordinance at this time we are placing this ordinance on hold until more information is given.

Local ads will run into local enterprises for both properties will run in the next upcoming weeks. Clerk will send out the blueprints for lease of property to board members for review. Resolution of intent to lease or rent property to be adopted as read motion by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Financials were reviewed by the board members and Mayor Williams states that if you need or have questions contact the office.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Jackson has nothing to report currently.

Commissioner Stewart states donation box will remain in the lobby at town hall like tissues, folders with pockets and any donations we could submit.

Spivey states that the number one well at this time we are seeing signs of sand/grit in Well #1 and discussion has been made to get an idea to look into and we will continue to monitor this situation and possibly have to contact someone to come out to look into this issue.

Goodrich states that Mike reported several water leaks throughout the town, new LED lights will be placed throughout the town security lights and we will continue with the town contest for the best decorations throughout the town. Commissioner Goodrich requested to make a motion to garnish wages of anyone who owes in past due property taxes from the upcoming commissioners check to be written at the end of the month. Mayor Williams states that the Town of Hamilton does not collect its own taxes the Martin County Tax Office collects our taxes. Second motion requested that upcoming running candidates in Hamilton can't run for a seat on the board of commissioners until taxes have been paid. Commissioner Goodrich withdrew both motions until contacts town attorney.

Freeman has nothing to report currently.

Mayor Williams requested to review the lease agreements in your packet.

Public Comment

EMS Janice Goodman called on by Mayor Williams to review the lease as requested. Former Mayor Matthews states that at one time the town and EMS has always been involved with EMS as we have always supported and paid 100% of everything for the services provided by the EMS department. He states that EMS is mostly volunteers that should be appreciated by the town. It's hard for EMS to survive currently with the cost of the equipment and paying the high amount of rent to the town. Former Mayor Matthews states that he is concerned where the money is going to come from and what will happen to the people in this town if this unit can't function. All supplies must be replaced by the EMS department; nothing is donated. Little things add up over time at this time the department needs pagers to even get the calls to come through. Goodman states that at this time she had to get a new EIN number and at this time she is not billing at this time it could be 60-90 days. Claudia states that she has been a part of this squad for over 30 years and does not want the town to lose this benefit due to life threatening events happening all the time. Commissioner Spivey states he asked at one time the EMS was incorporated with the town, it's no longer something that town does. Commissioner Spivey requested that we collect more information about the book work and finances that EMS is facing in more detail. Requested that the town board and EMS need to get together and gather details before any action is taken in this matter. Former Mayor Matthews requested that the town hold off on the rent at this time while the board of commissioners meet with the EMS members. Commissioner Freeman states that he was recently riding by when he noticed that the squad was getting jumped by a resident to crank it. Committee formed by commissioner Jackson & Freeman from the town Janice & Betty Lou will be the committee. Meeting set to be

held on November 10th, 2022, at 6:00PM at the old town hall. **Commissioner Spivey made a motion to form a committee at this time all rent and cost be on hold at this time until next month's board meeting seconded by Commissioner Goodrich.**

Patricia Moring called on by Mayor Williams thanked for the support of the town of Hamilton donation to the dementia alliance they raised \$12,83.00. She questioned the high bills of tenants that are just moving out when their doors get tagged for shut off. Information by Clerk states that agreements between the Town and social services are made with the residents and once they are not met these arrangements are no longer void.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 5-0.

Ervin Williams, Mayor

Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk CMC/MMC
Finance Officer