

***FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***January 23, 2022; 7:00 P.M.***

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 23, 2022. President Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk Treasurer J. Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, present; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, present; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance; Clerk-Treasurer, Jo Ann Treon and attorney, Kyle Persinger.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Arborist, Jud Scott, provided information regarding the street trees on North Main Street. Mr. Scott advised the trees consist of five species, mostly Maple. The trees are too large for the area between the sidewalks and streets. Ideally, the trees should be a less invasive species to prevent damage to the sidewalks.

Mr. Scott reported many of the trees show decay, cracks and/or exposed roots. If the trees are to be replaced; Scott suggested smaller, less invasive species and possibly staggering the position of the trees.

The Council and Mr. Scott discussed the root system of a tree as well as proper pruning and planting of a tree.

Mr. Scott provided website links for the Council to review.

Scott also visited the James Dean Memorial Park, Memorial Point and Play Acres Park. Mr. Scott advised the trees in those areas are properly pruned and healthy.

Best Equipment Representative, Shane ---, spoke with the Council regarding replacement of the 2006 Tymco Street Sweeper. The replacement is an upgraded version of the 2006. A demonstration model is available.

The Council and Shane discussed lease options as well as warranty for the equipment.

Council woman Armstrong made a motion to table the discussion to replace the street sweeper until the next Council Meeting on February 13, 2023. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**PURCHASE ORDER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the following purchase orders for approval:

#3646 to McQueen's in the amount of \$2,300.11 to replace a turnout coat damaged at a fire.

#3387 to Leads Online in the amount of \$1,574.00 to renew the subscription for the investigation tool for the police department.

Motion made by E. Treon to approve the purchase orders as presented. Seconded by Pollen; motion carries with all ayes.

**CLAIMS:**

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes and one nay.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Pollen to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 9, 2023. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:**

**PRESIDENT:**

President Hedrick addressed the painting on Mr. Tucker's building and the multiple complaints received from citizens. While the symbol on the building may make the Town appear intolerable; we will not violate Mr. Tucker's 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights.

**STREETS & PARK:**

Superintendent Hamilton elaborated on Best Equipment's presentation for the street sweeper replacement. Information is still being gathered and reviewed for the replacement.

Hamilton reported approximately 90% of the tree trimming throughout Town is complete.

**POLICE & FIRE:**

Marshal Dollar reported 114 vehicles attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest drive-thru.

Councilwoman Armstrong thanked Scott Bailey and Kathy Wolfe and everyone else involved in making food drive successful.

Marshal Dollar presented an end of year packet to each council member for review.

Dollar requested an increase in salary for Kathy Wolfe in the amount of \$0.75 per hour; approximately \$3,000.00 annually. Wolfe has taken on additional duties as Administrative Assistant.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve the pay increase for Kathy Wolfe. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Dollar provided further information on the Leads Online purchase.

Marshal Dollar requested permission to fill the Assistant Chief position with Josh Reneau and the Sergeant position with Joe K. Seward. These positions will allow supervisors on both rotations.

Motion made by Armstrong to approve Josh Reneau for Assistant Chief and Joe K. Seward for Sergeant. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with all ayes.

Aaron Solms spoke with the Council on behalf of the Fire Department.

Solms advised parts are no longer available for the MSA; 4500 psi is the update. The cost to make the change from 2200 psi to 4500 psi is approximately \$150,000.00.

Solms reported Alexandria Fire was called to assist for a structure fire. Their insulation vacuum was needed to remove insulation from the home. Firemen worked three and half hours pulling insulation. A grant is available for vacuum equipment; insulation vacuum cost is approximately \$10,000.00.

Solms thanked Superintendent Deal and Assistant Superintendent Shelton for allowing Nathan and Robert to stay on scene for the fire.

Councilwoman Armstrong and Solms discussed Fire Marshal duties concerning commercial/business locations.

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon advised Baker-Tilly will provide information regarding a fire territory on February 15, 2023 at 6:0 p.m. in the Town Hall.

**WATER & WASTEWATER:**

Superintendent Deal reported the service line replacement on North Main Street has begun; two unused water meters have been disconnected and replaced new lines for two services.

Deal advised generator maintenance for the water plant is scheduled on January 23, 2023.

Superintendent Deal reported the Consumer Confidence Report is complete and being printed. The report will be included with the February water bills. The Annual DNR Significant Water Withdraw Report has been submitted.

Deal reported Gripp, Inc. will be providing a cost for CSO flow/discharge metering.

Superintendent Deal advised sewers were jetted at Second and Wilson Streets, Penn and Harrison Streets and Buckeye and Tenth Streets.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon reported the LED sign is now in Fort Wayne. The site plan has been determined and a call will be made to the electrician.

**FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:**

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented the December Bank Reconciliation for the Council to review as well as the invoices for the State Audit at a cost of \$22,485.00 and Federal Audit at a cost of \$7,133.00

Clerk-Treasurer J. Treon presented Resolution #1-2023, concerning participation with Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing for bids.

Motion made by E. Treon to adopt Resolution #1-2023. Seconded by Armstrong; motion carries with all ayes.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION:**

Councilman Broyles reported the paperwork process for demolition of 217 South Penn Street is complete. The county is now sixty (60) days from proceeding with the project.

Broyles advised discussion continued on solar plans; proposed regulations are restrictive. At this time, no regulations have been adopted by the county.

Councilman Broyles sought the Council's opinion to petition State Representatives for the volunteer fire department to receive proceeds from the lottery. The program is for volunteer fire departments.

President Hedrick advised calling Ann Vermillion to discuss the parameters of the program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

With no further business to come before the Council, made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by; meeting adjourned with three ayes.

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Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

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Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer